

Two men hurt in stabbing at Liberation Day Parade

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

n a first for the annual Liberation Day parade, a stabbing incident involving two men marred what was supposed to have been a joyous 73rd Liberation Day

parade in Garapan yesterday afternoon. Both men were injured.

One was stabbed in the back and was treated in an ambulance. He was seen talking with medics and police officers in the ambulance.

The other man was treated

at the scene with cuts in his fingers. He was heard telling family members and police officers that the other man had previously beaten up his

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A knife believed to be the weapon used in the stabbing of a man by another man was dropped on the ground at the scene behind a Liberation Day tent across KS Market on Beach Road in Garapan yesterday afternoon. Two men were injured in the incident.

95-year-old vet awarded WWII medallion

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Burke Waldron, a 95-year-old Battle of Saipan veteran, was presented with a World War II medallion after the Liberation Day parade yesterday. He was also named the honorary grand marshal by the Liberation Day committee.

The medallion consists of the World War II in the Pacific emblem and the official seals of the participating branches of service. The phrase, "Our grateful islands remember," is also inscribed in the medallion. Government officials and dignitaries commended

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World War II veteran Burke Waldron is presented with a medallion for his service during the battles of Sainan and Tinian. He was also the honorary grand marshal in yesterday's Liberation Day parade.

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Performing at the Liberation Day parade again after a 10-year absence, the Cordillera Association in the CNMI entertained spectators with their native "Igorot" dance with only the rhythmic gongs their accompaniment.

The men wore long strips of handwoven loincloth called "bahags" and the women wore a wraparound skirt called "lufid."

One member of the group, Edwin Dacquias, said there weren't enough members on

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'Perfect storm' for CNMI

By MARK RABAGO

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A "perfect storm" is what CNMI Department of Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente describes the issues currently besetting the CNMI as the islands attempt to understand the Benavente

ramifications of new regulations for the CNMI-Only Nonresident Worker program and await what shape and form Public Law 115-218 ends up.

Signed just last week, P.L. 115-218 gave status to over a thousand people with humanitarian parole.

Add to that the Philippines' removal from the H-2B program, and the local Labor

chief didn't hesitate to paint an uncertain picture of where the CNMI is headed for.

> "When I mean perfect storm, it means everything is coming from all directions-Prevailing Wage [Survey], H-2B... the Philippines was removed from the list of eligible workers [under the H-2B program] and where do

we get most of our construction workers, the Philippines. We're right in the middle of recovery eight months after Yutu. We're not ready to let go of construction workers," she said in an interview with Saipan Tribune last Tuesday.

For starters, Benavente said the Interim Final Rule for the See CNMI on Next Page





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CW program—all 160 pages of it—could be a difficult read for some.

"We have been talking with the U.S. Department of Labor regarding other issues like the new Interim Final Rule. Using the IFR, there are four steps and local Labor is involved in Step 3. But we have a lot of questions on the IFR," she said.

Benavente said CNMI Labor also has a lot of questions regarding the Prevailing Wage Survey component of the Interim Final Rule.

"We also have a Prevailing Wage Survey that just came

out after the typhoon and how many companies actually responded and for how many positions? It's really a very low number because if you have 35 construction companies and only 10 responded, your wages are going to be high. Instead of paying \$10 an hour we will be paying \$17 an hour," she said.

Benavente said she spoke with many of the affected companies and they told her they either would reduce work hours or reduce manpower because of the new CW program and its requirements.

"Some even said they will close shop and go somewhere else that is business-friendlier. These are retail stores, momand-pop stores, and heavy equipment renters... the average businessmen who said they just can't afford the higher wages. This is sad because these small businesses are the backbone of our economy."

Benavente has appealed to U.S. Labor to postpone the PWS requirement in the CW program but was rebuffed.

"I was told to 'follow the law," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Ultimately, the CNMI's problems are not actually grounded on the issue of immigration but rather on the economy and how the Commonwealth would rebound following Yutu, according to Benavente.

"A lot of things are happening that we don't have too

much control...what we're talking about is not so much the issue of immigration, but the issue on the economy, our tourism industry specifically, which is very dependent on [foreign] workers..." she said while stressing that the CNMI would always be dependent on foreign workers.

"We don't have enough U.S. citizens for our labor needs—more than 37,000-39,000 job openings and only how many U.S. citizens available to fill those jobs. [We only have] a drop in the bucket and not enough," Benavente added.

With regards to the H-2B program and how the CNMI has been deprived of Philippine construction workers, Be-

navente said she actually asked her federal partners to at least exempt the CNMI from certain provisions of the program.

"We still have 500 homes still not repaired due to lack of construction workers," she said, adding that due to the H-2B ban on Filipino workers, some have actually gone underground and are charging \$20/hour and this translates to lost taxes and further losses to the government.

Water service interruption in Garapan today

There will be a scheduled water service interruption in the Garapan Hotel Street area today, July 5, from 8:30am to 3:30pm, particularly for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers between Hanamitsu Hotel and GIG Disco & Bossano Bar. Both lanes between Hanamitsu and GIG will be closed.

This will allow CUC's

water operations personnel to perform repairs on a damaged water line located on Date Street in Garapan (behind GIG). Water operations personnel will begin the necessary repairs the morning of July 5 and expect to be done by midafternoon. Customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of services soon after. (*PR*)

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island to perform the dance, which explains their absence from the parade.

"We are happy to be able to perform again. It took the dancers one month to practice for today's event," he said.

"We are back this year and we plan to perform every year at the Liberation Day in the years to come for more people to get to know about the Igorot culture."

The *Igorots* are an indigenous group in the northern Philippines. (Bea Cabrera)

People were wondering

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younger brother.

A police officer was seen standing over a knife that had been dropped on the ground near a small bridge along the Beach Road pathway.

The incident happened shortly after the last float of the parade passed at about 4:15pm behind a tent across the KS Market.

A woman said that prior to the stabbing, the two men had a confrontation behind a tent.

other in the face, then escalated into one brandishing a knife and stabbing the other.

The woman said she believes the two men were both drunk.

More than 15 police officers responded to the scene.

When Saipan Tribune left the scene, police officers were still talking to the two men involved and some witnesses.

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tators lining the entire stretch of the parade route from the National Office Supply to the Garapan Fishing Base.

The parade's grand marshal, TanHoldings president and CEO Jerry Tan, led a total of 44 participating groups and floats, with motorcycle-riding groups taking the lead in revving everybody's spirits up at the head of the parade.

Of particular note in this year's parade was the participation of Burke Waldron, a 95-year old World War II veteran.

A 30-minute fireworks display was later held at 9pm at the Garapan Fishing Base. This year's theme was "Marianas Strong" and many floats highlighted that trait.

There were six non-competition floats at the parade: Herman's Modern Bakery, The Office of Youth Affairs (with the offices of Indigenous Affairs, Women's Affairs, and Northern Islands Mayor's Office), Lady Diann Torres Foundation, Department of Public Works, Saipan Mayor's Office (with the CNMI Museum), and the Liberation Day Royal Court.

The eight competition floats were the Governor's Office (with the Carolinian Affairs Office), TanHoldings, Marianas Visitors Authority, Department of Corrections, Eusebio Borja, 180 Productions, the United Filipino Organization, and the Office of Aging.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang was amazed at what all the floats showed, saying it was hard to decide which one would be the winner of the float competition, but they are all winners in his book.

He was also happy to see that the parade was finished at an earlier time. "It's great She said one slapped the

to see that we were able to complete the parade on time, and now spectators are able to go home in time and enjoy the rest of the night," Apa-

tang added.

Apatag feels that this parade is very special. In an interview with Saipan Tribune he said, "Although we just went through [Super Typhoon] Yutu, people came out to show their support with the spirit of [being] together. ...I want to thank our community for coming out to watch and participate in this event. This will hopefully bring up our spirits and continue to move forward."

Rep. Luis John Castro (R-Saipan) was thrilled to see all the competing floats this year. "I believe that the floats took the theme of 'Marianas Strong' to the next level, which is great for myself and all the spectators," Castro said.

The winners of the float competition were to be announced last night. However, when asked for their opinions, many spectators said the winning floats could be the floats from the 180 Production, the United Filipino Organization, and the Office of Aging.

The 180 Production float amazed spectators with a rap about finding grace and fighting personal evils. The United Filipino Organization's float displayed a wrecked car over the float and the designs of the utt and latte stone, resembling the CNMI flag.

The Office of Aging's float displayed "Strength Through Adversity" while also creating references to the Game of Thrones series, with participants clad in fake armors.

Overall, Apatang thanked all the participants, sponsors, and the spectators for appearing and hopes that next year's Liberation Day parade "goes as well as this year's parade." (With Reica Ramirez)

about the heavy traffic across KS Market in Garapan since the float of the Liberation Oueen had already passed, indicating that the Liberation Day parade was over. The traffic happened after police officers blocked the opposite lanes of Beach Road in that area because of a stabbing incident involving two men. Some were asking why police had to block the Garapanbound lane for quite a while when the stabbing occurred on the side of the southbound lane and the commotion was brief. Over 15 police officers, mostly young ones, responded to the scene.

The man'amko float was passing when two female senior citizens walked slowly to the middle of the road, stopped by the float, and had their picture taken with the float, posing for pictures with the other senior citizens on the float. Fortunately, the parade's flow was slow and the float stopped for several minutes, giving enough time for the two women to have their photos taken. The visibly happy two senior citizens slowly walked back to the side of the road to continue watching the parade.

The humid weather prompted Police Officer Patrick Arriola to pour a bottle of water on himself as he gyrated to music atop the Department of Public Safety float, drawing cheers from the crowd. At 4:10pm, clouds blocked the sunlight, providing a relief to the parade participants and the crowd. People thought it would rain because of the usually treacherous weather on

La Torre)

For the first time in years, the Liberation Day parade didn't see a droplet of rain. This year's parade was instead greeted with an oven-like, scorching heat that caused everyone to sweat profusely.

July 4 parades. (Ferdie P. De

For nearly four hours straight, there was not even a cloud in the sky that would indicate rain despite the rainfall that happened about an hour before the parade.

Although the heat was nearly unbearable, it didn't stop community members from pulling out their foldable

Only in the Marianas would you see a cow in full glam, participating in a national event like the Liberation Day parade. A russet-colored cow with a floral crown drew smiles on many faces as it pulled a tradi-

cart along Beach Road as part of the Liberation Day parade. Joining the show-stopping cow was a group of traditionally dressed children dancing to local music. (Kimberly

tional "karetan guaka" or bull

chairs, cracking open a cold

drink, and just enjoying all 14

creative floats that participated

in the parade.

Bautista)

Much like the Battle of Saipan 75th Anniversary, the U.S. Air Force conducted a flyby around 2:30pm with two B-52 Stratofortress bombers flying over the Liberation Day parade path.

The float of the Victory Chapel congregation had one of the loudest cheers when it passed by the JP Center Building in Garapan as members and supporters shouted at the top of their lungs. The float came complete with a rap group and speakers spouting testimony how they turned from a life of evil.

The CNMI Museum again took part in the parade with a carnival-ride train made out of drums with no less than director Danny Aquino playing conductor and giving small kids rides.

The police bike patrol was quite active during the parade with several offices pedaling the length of the parade path to keep order.

Umbrellas of all shapes,

sizes, colors, and makes dotted the parade ground, but not for the usual drizzle that accompanies every Liberation Day parade on Saipan. This time it was the scorching hot sun paradegoers had to shield themselves from with the umbrellas.

This cow-drawn cart that participated in the Liberation Day Parade drew many boisterous claps from

the audience. The cow's mwar, or head lei, particularly drew many laughs.

The Aging Center adapted a Game of Thrones theme with their congregants dressed in medieval costumes to complete the look of the *man'amko* king and queen who were sitting front and center of their float.

The United Filipino Organization float put a whole car on their float to mimic the disaster Saipan had to endure in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yutu last October. (Mark Rabago)

In honor of the resiliency of the Marianas, Super Typhoon Yutu debris was incorporated into many of the floats that were entered in the Liberation Day parade.

One of the Super Typhoon Yutu debris that stood out was an entire car that had been completely wrecked as a result of a tree falling on top of it.

The car was placed in the center of the float followed by men and women dressed as first responders, Department of Defense personnel, and others that aided in the recovery of the Marianas.

The Saipan Mayor's Office float featured artwork made from all the scraps gathered from remnants of Super Typhoon Yutu.

Eusebio Borja's entry used a cow to draw the float instead of a truck like the others. With a flower lei placed on the head of the cow, it drew a lot of stares and laughs.

Motorcycle groups Young

Gunz Marianas and the Matua Riders led the charge of the parade and a pair of B-52s flew by the parade route in a flyby that drew cheers.

KIMBERLY BAUTISTA

All the VIP's took part in the parade but rode on convertibles, leading the rest of the floats.

A random spectator danced around the streets like there is no tomorrow. Other spectators were enjoying his performance and took videos of him. (Marc A. Venus)

As the TanHoldings float came into view at the grandstand near the Garapan Fishing Base, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres expressed gratitude to TanHoldings president and CEO Jerry Tan and the Tan family for their countless contributions to the CNMI.

Due to technical difficulties, Rep. Luis John Castro (R-Saipan) stepped in to sing the CNMI National Anthem before the parade began.

Battle of Saipan veteran Burke Waldron saluted the Office of the Governor's Liberation Day parade float. The Officer of the Governor, along with the Carolinian Affairs Office, designed a float that depicts "how [the people of the CNMI] come together with one heart... to overcome struggles, personal battles, and emotional and mental storm."

Saipan's Victory Chapel received a standing ovation from the government officials and dignitaries after their performance about "liberty by blood, resilience by courage, and destiny by faith." Their performance portrayed the resiliency of the CNMI after World War II and Super Typhoon Yutu. (Reica Ramirez)

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Waldron's service during the battles of Saipan and Tinian.

The last time Waldron was on Saipan was in 1944. Seventy-five years later, he came back for the 75th anniversary of the battles of Saipan and Tinian. He vividly remembers the day he arrived on the shores of Garapan. He spent most of his time at the

old lighthouse on Navy Hill because it was the base of their operations and communications.

Since arriving last Monday, Waldron has visited the American Memorial Park and the lighthouse on Navy Hill. He said that visiting the lighthouse brought back many memories. "It was a different sight when I got up there, but I could see. I used to climb up at the very top [with my friends]. We would sit around, have our

Bible studies, and pray together because it was just a special place for us," he added.

Although Waldron has traveled to many states to tell his stories of the war, he was so touched by the stories of civilians, such as David "Uncle Dave" M. Sablan, who were caught in between the battles that took place in the Marianas.

Waldron was amazed and grateful for being awarded and experiencing the Liberation Day parade. "This is the real spirit of America," he said.

"Every one of those people had a love for America... They made a world for themselves here and they're all together, but, culturally, they're able to enjoy their own way of life in their traditions. I thought that was so fantastic. This is the melting pot of America," Waldron said when asked about his first experience at Saipan's Liberation Day parade.

Limits eyed for car speed on secondary roads

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The House's Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee has approved for action by the entire House of Representatives a bill that sets a speed limit of 10 to 15 miles per hour for vehicles driving on non-primary, secondary roads in residential areas.

House Bill 21-46 originally proposed a speed limit of 5 miles per hour for vehicles driving on secondary roads in residential areas but the JGO Committee, chaired by Rep. Joel C. Camacho (Rep.-Saipan), changed that to 10-15 mph.

Under the amended House Bill 21-46, all vehicles travelling on non-primary, secondary roads in residential areas shall not be driven at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour where the roads are paved and 10 miles per hour where the roads are unpaved.

Rep. Marco T. Peter (Rep.-Saipan), who is the main author of the bill, in an interview said there's a lot of community concerns about the issue, especially in Precinct 3, where there are unpaved roads. In particular, in the Mt. Tapochau area, the tourist site is at the top, and many motorists speed up toward the mountain. He said the residences in that area are right on the unpaved road.

House Bill 21-46 will now go to the full House for a vote.

Peter said the bill is intended to protect the safety of many children who walk on unpaved roads in residential areas, not only on Saipan but also on Tinian and Rota.

At present, there is no law that establishes speed limit specifically for secondary roads in residential areas.

Under the current law, the speed limit is 45 miles per hour on the main roads and a 10-miles per hour limit within school zones.

Peter stated in his legislation that secondary roads can be found in various areas in the CNMI such as villages, commercial districts, tourist sites, and other places.

Many motorists, he said, especially those who are unfamiliar with practicing safe and prudent driving standards, tend to drive at great speed within secondary roads.

Peter said the inappropriate actions of these motorists have proven to be a great nuisance to the communities and pose a great threat to public safety.

He said it is imperative to set a proper speed limit within the secondary roads in order to better protect the communities and enable them to feel safe outside of their homes and businesses.



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What stood out for you in this parade?

By BEA CABRERA CORRESPONDENT



"I really enjoyed the float that highlighted Asian Chinese culture with the dragons, the tribute to the veterans, and the B-52's flyover. I hope to see some fireworks later, though, because that to me is the epitome of 4th of July celebration."

-Chris Bowman, San Vicente

"I love the elderly people joining the parade (Office of Aging float) because even at their age they are still active and joyful. I think it is inspirational and just deserves so much respect."

-Eva Maurin, Capital Hill





"I really like the different floats. They are all beautiful and have unique touches. My favorite float is the Sesame Street float because the decorations are so nice,"

-Nazalie of Kagman 3

"I love the fact that everyone has come out of their homes again to celebrate July 4th, especially it being the 75th anniversary. The flyby of the planes was really awesome as it is always my favorite part of the Liberation Day Parade celebration,"

—Marie Solis-Igitol of Matua Riders



"I like the float that was playing music (United Filipino Organization). I also like the kids wearing costumes, especially the ones wearing Army suits."

-Bentley Castro, Koberville



"My favorite part of the Liberation Day parade is being with family and friends. We come here every year and we always have a good time."

> -Robert Mettao, Chalan Kiya



"It was my first time seeing the whole thing as my wife and I are from Maui and we just moved here to Saipan. The parade was beautiful and people clearly show that they are having fun that it is contagious. This is also a good time to be with our family enjoying this special event."

-Anhtuan Nguyen, Gualo Rai





"The people are amazing here! We love them and we are so happy and lucky to be here on the 4th of July!"

-Sarah Wengefeld, Connecticut

"Everything! The celebration is really good. I come here very year and I think this parade has been the best one because it is meaningful. After [Super] Typhoon Yutu, even now we are still going through a lot but here we are watching a well-organized and beautiful parade and things like this keeps us going."

-Laurie Teregeyo, Garapan



Six graduate from DORE program since its inception



Kenneth Teigita Dowai, middle, is completely discharged following his Drug Offender Re-entry program graduation at the District Court for the NMI yesterday KIMBERLY BAUTISTA

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The District Court for the NMI Drug Offender Re-entry program or DORE now has six graduates since its inception in Jan. 26, 2016, making Kenneth Teigita Dowai the program's sixth graduate to date.

Dowai completed the federal court's DORE program last Tuesday with a graduation

hearing, during which Dowai expressed gratitude to his family for their support.

"This is the life I will never trade for anything. So for all the people around me and out there in the world that are struggling with drug addiction, quit now and you will gain more respect than you ever expected in your life," he said.

Since entering the program

12 months ago, Dowai said he has learned to control his violent tendencies, has learned to read, write, has gotten his general education diploma, and is currently employed.

Dowai was sentenced to a prison term of 48 months and three years' probation for robbery with a firearm back in 2000.

In 2008, he was sentenced to a prison term of 96 months and three years' probation for assault with a dangerous weapon resulting in serious bodily injury in California. The case was transferred to the District Court for the NMI 2017.

Dowai's term of supervised released started on March 27, 2018 and his expected supervision expiration date for both cases was June 8, 2020 but because Dowai was sober for seven months straight, the DORE team recommended that his term of supervised release be reduced.

District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Man glona discharged Dowai from supervised release and he is now completely free.

DORE is a post-incarceration cooperative effort program of the district court, the U.S. Probation Office, the federal public defender, and the U.S. Attorney's Office. The program provides treatment and sanction alternatives to address re-integration into the community for non-violent, substance abuse offenders released from federal prison.



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Inmate says DOC failed to provide for medical needs

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An inmate has filed a complaint against Department of Corrections Commissioner Vince Attao and nine DOC officers for allegedly failing to provide for his serious medical needs, despite letters he wrote to them and calls made to them by his wife.

Francisco Q. Guerrero filed a complaint against Attao and DOC officers on the grounds of deliberate indifference to serious medical needs in violation of the eighth amendment of the U.S. Constitution

District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Manglona ordered the dismissal of the claims without prejudice but allowed Guerrero to amend his complaint.

Manglona ordered the dismissal because she said that Guerrero's complaints fell short of alleging facts.

"The complaint must be dismissed for failure to state a claim on which relief may be granted," she said.

The court gave Guerrero until July 31 to amend his complaint.

According to court information, Guerrero complains that DCO delayed treatment for his eyes, failed to provide prescribed eye drops on two occasions, delayed providing him prescribed eyeglasses that caused an injury on his rib, and delayed treatments for the replacement of his dentures, which caused him pain and suffering. Guerrero also stated that he filed a grievance with DOC and got no

Guerrero claims that he submitted letters about his medical needs to Attao and even had his wife make phones calls to him but to no avail.

On June 2016, Guerrero claims that DOC captain Georgia M. Cabrera refused to authorize replacing his dentures, against dentist's recommendation, on the grounds that DOC only provides for tooth extraction.

In October 2017, Guerrero claims that, after a cataract surgery on his left eye, DOC officers Eloy Dela Cruz and Lynae Cabrera failed to give him prescribed eyedrops, and again failed to do so in March 2018 after being examined at the Marianas Eve

The two officers also allegedly delayed picking up

his new prescribed eyeglasses, causing him to suffer a rib injury in July 2018.

Guerrero also alleges that

after six teeth extractions in to provide him soft food. November 2018, DOC officers did not provide him with pain medication, failed

and failed to check his vital signs.

Guerrero is a former Com-

monwealth Utilities Corp. board chair who is serving a six-year prison term for sexual abuse of a girl.



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STOCK#GS118555 2WD, V6 3.5 L, AUTO Est. Mileage: 27,500, Color: SILVER



2017 NISSAN FRONTIER CC PRO 4X

STOCK#HN704145 4WD, V6 4.0 L, AUTO Est. Mileage: 32,400, Color: RED



2016 NISSAN MAXIMA SV

STOCK#GC407956 FWD, 24 Valve 3.5L V-6, AUTO Est. Mileage: 7,400, Color: DEEP BLUE PEARL



2018 NISSAN FRONTIER CC SV LB

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2018 HONDA ACCORD TOURING

FWD, i-VTEC Turbo 1.5 L, AUTO 10 SPEED Est. Mileage: 12,118, Color: GRAY



2019 KIA SEDONA EX

STOCK#K6506253 FWD, V6, 3.3 Liter, Auto, 6-Spd OD, Sportmatic, Est. Mileage: 890, Color: AURORA BLACK



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'NMI cannot be spending money that is not there'

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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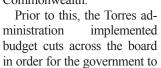
Thus said House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan) in reaction to the Torres administration's austerity measures being instituted as a result of reduced revenues.

In an interview Wednesday, Blanco said the CNMI cannot be spending money that is not there.

Jazmin Camacho, the acting special assistant for the Office of Management and

Budget, recently informed until Sept. 30, 2019—without Blanco's committee that, following Gov. Ralph DLG Tor-

res' special message to the Legislature, the OMD has effectuated beginning last April 1 a proportionate reduction in the allotment authority of all branches, offices, departments, and agencies of the Commonwealth.



Blanco

laying off workers or shutting down the government.

> In her letter to Blanco, Camacho said that Torres' subsequent special message to the legislature dated May 8, 2019, further reduced the gross revenue projection pursuant to

the second revision reported by the Finance secretary by 11.60 percent.

Camacho said the adjustment in revenue triggered 15.28-percent proportionate reduction across all branches and activities of the government.

Camacho wrote the letter in response to Rep. Ralph N. Yumul's (R-Saipan) request for a detailed breakdown on the allotments for the months of April, May, and June.

Asked for comments about OMD's disclosure, Blanco said there was an initial reduction of the budgeted resources a few months back; there was a second budgetary cut a few months later.

"Everybody gets proportionate cut. And that's where we are, on the second," he said.

Blanco does not expect a third proportionate cut.

From his discussions with OMD and from Camacho's letter, the government is now on the second portion of the cut.

d of laying off employees and cutting back hours from 72 hours to 60-some, the administration is only doing the 72 hours and cutting back on contracts, purchase orders, travels, and new hires, he said.

"Those are mechanisms that they are taking...so that we don't go over, we don't run at deficit," he said.

Blanco said by doing the 15-percent cut proportionately, the administration feels that the government should be able to make it through Sept. 30 without incurring further deficit, without laying off of employees, and without shutting down the government.

Whether he agrees or not with such cuts, Blanco said it's really "down to the numbers."

He said OMD looked at the numbers and how much business gross revenue the government is collecting.

"This is what we had anticipated when we were working on the budget for 2019. This is the reality," the lawmaker said.

Blanco said OMD had mentioned that there will be additional reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency by last June 30.

Japanese group hosts memorial blessing for fallen soldiers

By MARC A. VENUS

REPORTER

A Japanese group of monks and priests will be hosting a memorial blessing for the fallen soldiers of the Battle of Saipan. The blessing will be at the Aqua Resort Club parking area tomorrow at 10am.

This will be the fourth ceremony held in commemoration of the fallen soldiers.

The parking area served as a burial ground of American and Japanese soldiers,.

According to Yukari Akatsuka of Kuentai-USA, 10 religious leaders, consisting of monks and priests from Japan and Bishop Ryan Jimenez will be attending the event.

Japanese Consul Ono Kazuhiko, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, and many community leaders will also be in attendance.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian.

Kuentai-USA is a non-profit organization that locates the remains of fallen U.S. soldiers. Their mission is "to repatriate as many, and as quickly as possible before it gets too late."

In 2011, Kuentai-NPO, the Japanese organization, found the remains of a U.S. Army soldier on Saipan, while digging up the burial ground.

For more information about the memorial, contact (671) 688-3691.



USCIS reps at July SHRM meeting

The next general membership meeting of the Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter on Thursday, July 11, 2019, will feature U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services representatives who will talk about the E-Verify program and form I-9. The meeting will take place at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's ballroom beginning at 11am.

Rea Bisa, USCIS management and program analyst, Kamana Mathur, USCIS community relations officer, and Jennifer Lane, regional community relations lead, will do a 30-minute presentation followed by a 30-minute question-and-answer session.

This meeting is open to the public. The presentation includes a lunch buffet at the cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Penny Jones by e-mail at penelope.jones@hyatt.com or Denise Montenegro at denise.montenegro@hyatt.com or by telephone at 323-5867/68. **(PR)**

CHamoru commission meetings

The Kumisión i Fino> CHamoru yan i Fina>nå>guen i Historia yan i Lina>la> Taotao Tåno> (Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teaching of History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam) will hold its monthly meetings on July 11 and 25, 2019, 12:30pm to 3pm at the Kumision office, The Garden House, Plasa de Espana, Hagatna.

A work session will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2019, from 12:30pm to 3pm, at the same venue to discuss the GDOE CHamoru Language Teachers CHamoru Language Orthography.

For further information call commission chair Hope Alvarez Cristobal at 483-0097 or secretary Rosa Salas Palomo at 727-5522. **(PR)**

Bank of Guam Saipan branches will be closed July **13**, not July 6

Bank of Guam's Saipan branches will be closed for one day on Saturday, July 13, 2019, rather than earlier announced for July 6, 2019. The bank's ATMS, online banking and customer support centers remain available. (PR)



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- July 8-9 from 11am to 7pm
- July 10 from 5-11:59 pm.
- July 11 from midnight to 1am and from 6-11:55pm

It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

The Air Force will conduct field training exercises on July 10-12, from 8am to 7pm, at Radio Barrigada.

These types of trainings are

designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity

associated with the training. The public should be advised that the use of blanks can occur during training at Radio Barrigada. (PR)

in as new U.S. citizens during a naturalization ceremony at the District Court for the NMI last Wednesday. The newly naturalized citizens came from Bangladesh, Russia, the Philippines, and South Korea. The oath was administered by District Court Judge Ramona Manglona; the guest speaker was National Parks Service superintendent Barbara Alberti.

KIMBERLY BAUTISTA



GREAT JOB! Congratulations to Joshua Calixterio Mostales for graduating cum laude with a bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from the Robert D. Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon. We wish you the very best as vou continue your studies at the John A. **Burns School** of Medicine at the University of Hawaii for your medical degree. Love always, Dad, Ms. Kate, Naomi, JC, Chloe, family, and friends. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO





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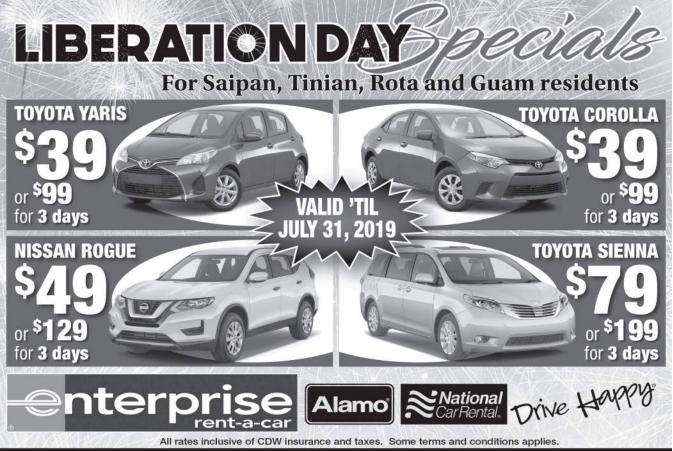
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

) Civil Action No. 99-769 D

IN THE) NOTICE OF HEARING

MATTER) TO APPOINT FIVE OF THE 'PROPOSED TRUSTEES ESTATE OF, AND TO ESTABLISH THE MARIA PIERE

MARIA) MALUS TRUST. PIERE MALUS.)

HEARING DATE: Deceased.) AUGUST 15, 2019) TIME: 9 AM) JUDGE: CAMACHO

TO: ALL HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA PIERE MALUS INCLUDING THE HEIRS OF SOLTERO MALUS KAIPAT; SIXTO MALUS KAIPAT; JOSEPHA MALUS KAIPAT: CONCEPCION KAIPAT RUBEN AND MARIA ROFAG SABLAN.

Notice is hereby given that on May 16, 2019 the Administrator Diego Kaipat appeared and informed the Court of the family's intention to establish a family trust of the Maria Piere Malus Family Trust with five trustees, one representa tive each of the heirs of the five children of the decedent. The intention is to consider the establishment of a family trust due to the size of the families, the passing of the five children and the small sizes of the estate properties.

Therefore, the Court will schedule a hearing on August 15, 2019 at 9 am to consider the appointment of the five Trustees who are proposed as follows:

- 1. Melissa Taitano Gatharngeg: Nominee from Soltero Malus Kaipat Line
- 2. Lourdes Kaipat: Nominee from Sixto Malus Kaipat Line
- 3. Angeline İlesiuglam Lee: Nominee from Josepha Malus Kaipat Line
- 4. Glenn Ruben: Nominee from Concepcion Kaipat Ruben Line
- 5. Rosemary Sablan Skilling: Nominee from Maria Rofag Sablan Line

The hearing is also for the establishment of the Maria Piere Malus Family Trust for the administration of the two properties (the Beach Road property and the Chalan Pupulu/Quartermaster property) and the continuing distribution of the income from the Beach Road property.

Any and all heirs may appear before the Court and may be heard as to any support, opposition, comments, or objections as to the above intended request or suggestion by the Administrator. A copy of the proposed Trust document shall be filed with the Court on or before July 15, 2019 after which time any persons may appear to inspect or review the draft Trust document. They may also contact the current Administrator Diego Kaipat or counsel Robert T. Torres at 234-5750.

For the family's reference, there are two properties owned collectively by the Heirs of Maria Piere Malus which this court previously directed deeds to be issued to the Heirs of Maria Piere Malus: 1) the Beach Road Lot No. 009 D 59 (Formerly Block 28 Lot 5) approximately 697 square meters, more or less, situated in Garapan, Saipan. This property is under a fifty-five-year lease. The lease agreement entered into is by its terms to continue in full force and effect; and 2) Lot No. 1942 numbered (T.D. 640) identified as the "Chalan Pupulu" lot or Quartermaster lot and contains an area of approximately 20, 837 square meters. This property is in Quartermaster where several heirs have built houses or live on the property without any specific deed or conveyance, pursuant to custom.

SO ORDERED this 24th day of May, 2019

/s/ JOSEPH N. CAMACHO Associate Judge

Robert Tenorio Torres Attorney at Law

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Attorney for Plaintiff Marianas Public Land Trust

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

MARIANAS PUBLIC Land Trust,

Civil Action No. 16-0220

NOTICE OF

AUCTION AND

Plaintiff.

JUDICIAL SALE

ANN DORIS M. BABAUTA

Defendant,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property entered in the above titled action on May 28, 2019, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due to Plaintiff Marianas Public Land Trust from Defendant Ann Doris M. Babauta, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on August 16, 2019, at 10:00 A.M., at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room in Capital Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

> Lot No. 011 G 335, containing an area of 788 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey Official Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 06 dated December 1, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4414, dated December 16, 1993.

Terms and Conditions of Sale

- 1. Public Sale: The auction shall be open to the general public
- 2. With Reserve: The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
- 3. Rights and duties of Auctioneer: Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the lorthern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - a. To withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or bid for such property is accepted:
 - b. to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - c. to reject any and all bids.
- 4. Bids: Tentative bids may be submitted n advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: (670) 234-7859; Fax (670) 234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.
- 5. Deposit and Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The emaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the property, which will revert to the Marianas Public Land Trust.
- 6. Change of Terms: Auctioneer and the Marianas Public Land Trust reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the ommencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be
- binding on any buyer by the constructive notice 7. Inspection and No Warranty, Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 10th day of June, 2019.

/s/ ROBERT T. TORRES, F0197

Nearly 7,500 new citizens are welcomed

WASHINGTON—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services celebrates the Dec-

laration of Independence and the birth of the United States by welcoming almost 7,500 new citizens in nearly 110 naturalization ceremonies between July 1 and July 5. The ceremonies will be held in venues across the country, and include several notable

ceremonies. Acting USCIS director Ken Cuccinelli will administered the oath of allegiance and delivered congratulatory remarks to 52 new Americans at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum last July 2 in New York City, while that same day, USCIS deputy director Mark Koumans delivered congratulatory remarks to new citizens at a ceremony on board the USS Constitution in Boston.

On July 4, Cuccinelli administered the oath of allegiance at a special ceremony at the National Archives Museum, where the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights are housed.

Each year, USCIS marks

Independence Day with naturalization ceremonies.

"It is an honor for me to welcome these new United States citizens as we celebrate the 243rd birthday of our nation," said Cuccinelli. "To host a significant event such as a naturalization ceremony on the grounds where the Twin Towers once stood is a vivid reminder of the resiliency of our nation and of why so many people around the world make sacrifices each day in order to call the United States their new home."

USCIS is committed to

promoting awareness and understanding of citizenship by offering a variety of free citizenship preparation resources for applicants and teachers, including materials like the Establishing Independence lesson plan in the Citizenship Resource Center. Immigrant-serving organizations can register to receive a free Civics and Citizenship Toolkit to help lawful permanent residents prepare for naturalization.

Naturalization is the most significant benefit USCIS offers. (PR)



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION As of July 05, 2019

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	ТҮРЕ	STATUS
Island Marine Sports, Inc.	05/30/2019 SLR-2018-X-110-R2	Parasailing	Saipan Lagoon & Mañagaha Island	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/28/2019
Asia Pacific Inc. dba Asia Marine Sports	05/30/2019 SLR-2018-X-111-R2	Banana Boat & Snorkeling	Saipan Lagoon & Mañagaha Island	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/28/2019
Saipan Marine Dive	05/31/2019 SLR-2018-X-073-R2	SCUBA Diving Instruction	All Dive Sites, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/20/2019
4. Marianas Seas Adventure, Inc.	05/31/2019 SLR-2018-X-071-R2	SCUBA Diving	All Dive Sites, Saipan Tour Operation/Instruction	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/20/2019
5. Kura-Ling Dive Company	05/31/2019 STRLR-2018-X-095-R2	SCUBA Diving	All Dive Sites, Saipan, Tour Operation/Instruction	Lagoon & Reef Tinian, & Rota	Approved 06/20/2019
6. Katarina LLC	05/31/2019 SLR-2019-X-036	SCUBA Diving	All Dive Sites, Saipan Tour Operation/Instruction	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/25/2019*
7. Saipan Aqua World, Inc.	06/03/2019 SLR-2018-X-094-R2	Snorkeling & Sea Walker	Saipan Lagoon &	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/20/2019
8. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boy'z II Marine	06/03/2019 SLR-2018-X-120-R2	Banana Boat, Kayak, Snorkeling, & SUP	Saipan Lagoon near Fiesta Resort Hotel	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/20/2019
Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boy'z II Marine	06/03/2019 SLR-2018-X-121-R2	Banana Boat, Kayak, Snorkeling, & SUP	Saipan Lagoon near Kanoa Resort, Susupe	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/20/2019
Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boy'z II Marine	06/03/2019 SLR-2018-X-080-R2	Parasailing	Kanoa Resort, within Parasailing Zone	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/20/2019
Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. dba Big Boy'z II Marine	06/03/2019 SLR-2018-X-081-R2	Personal Watercrafts & Helmet Diving	Lagoon & Reef Area	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/25/2019
12. Ichiban Marine Sports	06/03/2019 SLR-2018-X-079-R2	Banana Boat, Wakeboard, Mañagaha Transfer, Kayak, & Snorkeling	Saipan Lagoon near Hyatt Regency Hotel	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/20/2019
13. Tropical Leisure Sports, Inc.	06/03/2019 SLR-2018-X-068-R2	Banana Boat, Parasailing, Kayak, Personal Watercraft, Snorkeling Tours, Paddle Boards, & Ring Buoys for Pool	Grandvrio Resort within Saipan Lagoon	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/20/2019
14. CNS, Inc.	06/03/2019 SLR-2018-X-135-R2	Personal Watercrafts Saipan Lagoon	Grandvrio Resort within	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/20/2019
15. Saipan Coral Reef, Inc. dba Coral Reef	06/06/2019 SLR-2018-X-131-R2	SCUBA Diving Tour/Instruction	Tank Beach, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/20/2019
16. Korea Tourism Inc. dba, Koreana Tours Bureau	06/10/2019 SLR-2018-X-138-R2	Snorkeling	Mañagaha Island	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/25/2019
17. Hana Tour Service Inc. Dba, Saipan Hana Tour	06/10/2019 SLR-2018-X-137-R2	Snorkeling	Mañagaha Island	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/25/2019
18. Phillip's Corporation Dba, Snorkeling Tour	06/11/2019 SLR-2018-X-096-R2	Snorkeling	Grotto, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/25/2019
19. Ocean Plus Saipan Inc. dba, Ocean Plus Dive Saipan	06/13/2019 SLR-2018-X-136-R2	SCUBA Diving Tour/ Instruction	Grotto, & Laulau Bay, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/25/2019
20. Selfish Saipan Inc.	06/14/2019 SLR-2019-X-038	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/Instruction	Laulau Bay, Grotto, & Obyan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
21. Crystal Star Corporation	06/14/2019 SLR-2018-X-107-R2	Standup Paddle Board, Kayak, & Snorkeling	Oleai Beach, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/25/2019
22. M/V Sea Hunter	06/19/2019 SPI-2019-X-039	Drydock	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved 06/27/2019*
23. Le Grand Bleu, Inc.	06/19/2019 STLR-2018-X-174-R2	SCUBA Diving Tour/Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites, Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/27/2019
24. Dive Marianas Corporation dba Dive Saipan	06/20/2019 STLR-2018-X-088-R2	SCUBA Diving Tour Operation/Instruction	All Designated Dive Sites, Saipan & Tinian	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 06/25/2019
25. Saipan Sun Company dba Saipan Dive Academy	06/20/2019 SPI-2019-X-041	Drydock	Tanapag, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved 06/25/2019*
26. GPPC, Inc.	06/24/2019 SPI-2019-X-042	Temporary Staging Area	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Under Review*
27. Saipan Crewboats Inc.	06/25/2019 SPI-2019-X-043	Drydock	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Under Review*
28. Jennifer McKinnon, East Carolina University	06/25/2019 SLRm-2019-X-044	Archaeological Investigations	Tanapag, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 07/01/2019*
29. First Pacific Investment Inc.	06/26/2109 SMS-2019-X-045	Asia Pacific Hotel	Garapan, Saipan	Major Siting-New	Application Review*
30. Jennifer McKinnon, East Carolina University	07/01/2019 SLRm-2109-X-046	Archaeological Investigations	Lau Lau Bay, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Approved 07/01/2019*
31. Department of Public Works	07/02/2019 SS-2019-X-047	Traffic Signal System Installation	Quarter Master, Saipan	Shoreline	Under Review*
32. Tinian Hairui Real Estate Co., LLC dba Xingsha Hotel	03/15/2019 TMS-2019-X-020	Xingsha Hotel	San Jose, Tinian	Major Siting-New	Certified Complete 07/03/2019*

NMIAC §15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulations requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published. in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

Black Wood Furniture opens in Koblerville



Black Wood Furniture manager Joanne Kim.

By MARK RABAGO

ASSOCIATED EDITOR

Far from the business district of Chalan Kanoa and tourist district of Garapan, a charming little furniture store in Koblerville has been making a name for itself for the contemporary furniture it's been selling.

Black Wood Furniture has been in business since last February and has quietly become a favorite for new homebuyers and those wanting a fresh new look inside their apartments, especially following the destruction of Super Typhoon Yutu in last October.

Joanne Kim, Black Wood Furniture manager, said they opened a furniture shop on Saipan because of the dearth of such stores on island and after finding that the local community needed new furniture after Yutu destroyed so many homes.

"Since we moved to Saipan, we noticed that there aren't much choices in furniture with

Black Wood's showroom.

modern designs. We decided to open Black Wood to give customers a choice," she said.

Kim said their shop offers a wide range of dining furniture, bedroom furniture, sofas, dressers, book shelves, vanity shelves, and more.

Since opening shop, Black Wood Furniture has had customers from as far as Kagman and Marpi.

"We are having new customers daily and we also have a lot of return customers as well. Generally, we feel really welcomed," said Kim.

When asked what sets Black Wood Furniture apart from other furniture stores on island, she said they retail unique items not readily available on Saipan.

"Most of our items are very limited, and we are constantly shipping different products so our customers can have their own unique interior style, instead of having the same household furniture with other customers. Furniture-wise we

shelves have been really popular lately," she said.

Black Wood Furniture has also become famous on island for selling IKEA products, which Kim says they import directly from South Korea. She, however, is the first to say that they also have other furniture brands.

"We also sell furniture from other suppliers as well," she said.

Currently, Black Wood Furniture is having a Fourth of July sale where it is 15-percent off on selected items. The promotion began yesterday and ends on Sunday, July 7.

Black Wood Furniture

is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 11am to 6m. It is closed on Wednesday and Sunday. It also offers layaway plans. For more information about Black Wood Furniture, call 234-6708 or email blackwood6708@ gmail.com.



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offer a wide range of items, sometimes too we can special order if the customer wants. As part of our business idea, we insist on keeping costs low and provide various home furniture with contemporary style," she said.

While every customer has different needs, the furniture store's bookshelves have been bestsellers so far.

"It's really hard to say what furniture has been in the most in demand, but our book-





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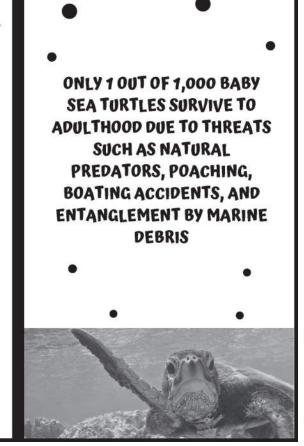




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America's impossible mission to the moon

few weeks before the scheduled launch of Apollo 11, which was intended to land the first humans on the moon, presidential speechwriter William Safire got a call from Apollo 8 astronaut Frank Borman. He suggested that the White House might want to have a speech ready in case the mission went awry. When Safire tried to grasp the point, Borman added, "Like what to do for the widows." The first men on the moon might never leave it.

That speech was written but, fortunately, never delivered. The mission was a complete triumph. That recollection lives indelibly in the memory of everyone who was old enough to understand what was happening in July 1969.

Fifty years after that epochal achievement, it's easy to assume that the outcome was foreordained. Looking back, it seems as though the American combination of adventure and ingenuity ensured success. But it was always a close-run thing, and hope was always shadowed by fear and fretting.

The journey began after a profound national shock: the launch of the first man-made satellite, known as Sputnik, by the Soviet Union in 1957. Americans were frightened by the prospect that space would be dominated by a formidable enemy.

"Soon, the Russians will be dropping bombs on us from space like kids dropping rocks onto cars from freeway overpasses," Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson warned. Congress created the National Aeronautics and Space Administration under intense public pressure to catch up with the Soviets.

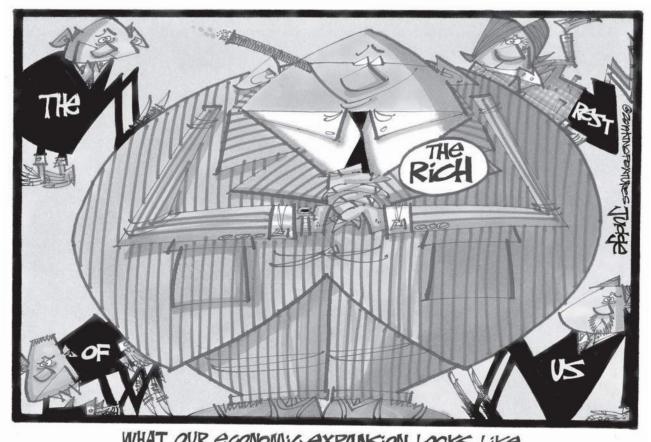
But the threat of being outdone persisted. In 1961, after Yuri Gagarin became the first person to fly in space, orbiting the Earth, President John F. Kennedy summoned a spirit of urgency. In a speech to Congress, he said, "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth."

It was an audacious goal, with no guarantee of success. Even if Americans could reach the moon, the Soviets might get there first. There were innumerable opportunities for failure—and tragedy. In 1967, three U.S. astronauts died when a fire erupted as their craft sat on a launch pad. Apollo 10's manned lunar module suffered a malfunction and nearly crashed on the moon.

When the Apollo 11 lander descended toward the surface, astronaut Neil Armstrong saw only dangerously cratered, boulder-strewn terrain, and was almost out of fuel before he found a safe spot to land. Finally, he reported to mission control, "The Eagle has landed," and a worldwide audience breathed a sigh of relief.

Even then, danger loomed. Once Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin had walked on the lunar surface and returned to their module, there remained "the possibility that they might not be able to launch from the moon's surface," recalled historian John Logsdon years later. Once they did, they had to retrace their 240,000-mile route back to Earth and land safely.

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WHAT OUR ECONOMIC EXPANSION LOOKS LIKE

Zoning works-

s much as I am against government interference in the personal lives and decisions of citizens, I do value the contribution of properly organized and enforced Zoning in improving the quality of life of a place. Saipan cries out for such improvements and the Zoning Office has begun the process here. There is plenty more to do. Keep up the good work, Therese, board and staff.

Now for the bad news: Five years ago ATV tours on Saipan were all the rage. There were several already in business and the Zoning Office had several more that wanted to join in the fun and try to make a buck showing tourists around our beautiful island. A "short-term" moratorium was placed on any and all new applications while "somebody" came up with regulations covering this small but profitable industry. (All government loves regulating, need it or not). Okay, I'll admit it; I was sitting on the Zoning board of directors when this issue came up and reluctantly voted for a temporary, short-term moratorium of a few months.

Problem is, here we are five years later with no resolution. Those 11 applications are still sitting there, although most of those would-be business owners gave up long ago. What the Zoning Office has managed to do, bottom line, is allow those ATV tours already in business five years ago, to have no competition for the last five years. That was certainly not the intent but, sadly, that is exactly what has happened, and all that has happened. The "somebody" never showed up.

Recently, that issue was once again delayed by the Zoning board so that, again, "somebody" could get around to regulating this small industry. Business is good, it supports the economy. Competition is good. It promotes better business practices and lower, competitive prices. It adds valuable tax dollars to the coffers of the CNMI government. Will it take another five years of thinking about it before any action is taken? We hope not. Again, I know this is not the intent of the Zoning office to inhibit competition, but that is what is happening.

Do we need zoning on Saipan? Yes, if we want to keep tourism as a mainstay of our economy, we badly need to spruce the place up. Sadly, government force is the only way to get some people off the dime and clean their act up. Well-thought-out Zoning improves the quality of life for all of us.

Garapan revitalization

We live and die by our tourism industry. Tourist destinations need a few things to attract visitors and make them like a place enough to come back. Smiling happy people that welcome visitors is one requirement. We already have that important ingredient for the most part. Also needed are clean neat, well-organized visitor sites, villages, and towns, decent, well-marked roads, interesting and successful businesses that cater to the visitors

SOUR GRAPES By BRUCE BATEMAN

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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needs and wants and, finally, most successful destinations have a focal point. An area or place that is the iconic symbol of that destination. Waikiki in Hawaii, the French Quarter in New Orleans, and the Left Bank in Paris are examples. Garapan could be our own island version of Waikiki, our focal point.

There is a movement afoot that, if organized, funded, and implemented, can make western Garapan a first-class focal point for our CNMI visitor industry. What we have now is more like third-class with weed-filled, unkempt vacant lots, rundown buildings, few sidewalks, few or no streetlights, and landscaping done by typhoon and the bird droppings technique. There are also some nice areas with wide sidewalks, well-kept buildings and pleasant landscaping, especially around the edges of Garapan. But walk 50 feet away from those nice streets and you are in that dark-at-night, trash strewn areas, wondering why you came.

Our jungles and flame trees will come back to their former glory after Super Typhoon Yutu naturally, but infrastructure, villages, and buildings need human help. Garapan as a focal point needs human help.

The Office of Planning and Development with Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong and Chris Concepcion are spearheading a program to make Garapan that first-class area that visitors will someday see as Saipan's iconic focal point. They have brought in experts from Hawaii where successful revitalization efforts have been going on for some time. Rick Egged, the president of the now 40-year old Waikiki Improvement Association, and Mufi Hannemann, ex-mayor of Honolulu and now with the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association, came to Saipan last week to hold two public meetings and to meet with stakeholders. Under discussion were proven options and techniques that cut through the red tape and allow public/private partnerships, or PPPs, to form up, get funded, and do productive work revitalizing and maintaining a first-class destination with thriving businesses that cater to visitors.

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Sighing in silence

eportedly, the CNMI is in dire financial straits with far less money in the coffers than we're willing to admit. But there's equal confidence something would break for the better shortly.

Similar to tidal shifts, high and low that occurs daily. It grants us some room to pay current obligations amidst fluctuation in revenues. It's a case of "been there, done that too!"

Freedom: Let's join hands and extend our silent and solemn prayer to all who paid the ultimate sacrifice to ensure freedom descends on these isles forevermore. It came down some 75 years ago.

Indeed, laymen would have a hard time understanding the "ultimate sacrifice" soldiers endure in battlefields. Thus, I bow my head with heartfelt humility and gratitude for your courage! Si yous masse`!

Our pioneering elders worked long and hard in our eventual attainment of self-government in 1978. We're even represented in the most powerful chambers in the world—the U.S. Congress!

Imagine our fate as a people if freedom never descended on these pearly isles. Would I be writing or scrubbing filthy floors at a hotel toilet somewhere to earn a living?

Resolve: After 41 years of self-government we now hear redundant call to cut down expenses in view of the deepening economic contraction.

It's tired PR material that persistently highlights lack of resolve confirming special ability at double-talk. To cut as pouted would give taxpayers more of their income to take home on payday Fridays.

Comparatively, nearby Guam with a population of over

164,000 has a unicameral system with 15 members. Ours is a bicameral system with 29 members for a population of over 56,000. What other fundamental laws does the NMI need at this juncture? Must downsize at all cost!

Downsizing should include the executive and judicial branches of government. Cutting it by half should allow taxes to be spent on worthy and meaningful programs here. It isn't the case now, sadly.

There's the obvious redundancy of one too many department and agencies assigned to aid the "indigenous" people. You lump them together to explore if, in fact, programs have been formulated and implemented to improve the quality of life of the indigenous people. There's too much focus building another layer of government as to neglect the letter of the law. Humiliating!

Priority: In the process, politicians are conveniently confused over priority: fund "pet" projects or the education of our children

Kilili is the only one who batted for our kids. He reminded peers of a constitutional requirement of 25 percent of total revenues for education. He remains constitutional while the rest peddle trashy views on policy, delusional.

Sure, politicians would tweak pertinent constitutional or statutory provisions contextually to meet their purpose. They'd do it, ignoring "we don't born yesterday."

But isn't education the only way out of poverty and ignorance, thus the need to prepare our children for life's challenges? Why do you think it is included under the Constitution? Didn't you give some towering speech about the importance of education? Did you change your mind? Your new wavering viewpoint says it all!

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Finally, there's the national Democratic Party's debate where each candidate wants to fix a soaring economy under the Donald. Fix a soaring economy? No wonder they're stuck in lunatic derby.

Calif. The golden state pays its legislators \$82,000 per year as lawmakers. It also requires submission of proof that they have something in the mill for review and consideration. Without it, no payday!

We should impose the same legal requirement on all 29 legislators here. Unless he has major legislation introduced for review, he or she doesn't get paid. Must earn our tax contribution! Getting elected isn't a free ticket for automatic payday. Nah! I reiterate: must earn it!

Moreover, let's see how many are actually gifted with what's known as "depth of perception" to understand and secure some clue what entails legislative fiduciary duty. I'm sure this would put pressure on unqualified aspirants to look for jobs elsewhere! Sayu?

Rumors of Demise

Rumors of demise exaggerate to say the least.
Things are on the rise each day and life's a fêted feast!

Rumors of defeat have missed the mark to be quite frank. Victory's assured now despite foes on every flank.

Rumors of decay would tickle those who know me well. Youth and vigor ever flow through each and every cell.

Rumors of the dole have figured wrong if facts be known.
Harvest time abounds now from the many seeds I've sown.

Rumors of distress have got it wrong if truth be told.
Euphoria's the norm each day as miracles unfold.

Rumors of my fate

let loose by those who wish me ill are powerless to stop me when I use the force of will!

You can only rise in your experience of and happiness in life by lifting others up, not by tearing them down. Those who are the most successful and happy add value to the lives of others and help others to succeed. It's a basic principle of the universe. Think about it. Imagine what a dismal place the world would be if the only way to succeed required that you pull someone else down, and if everyone went about their daily interactions doing this!

Years ago, while part of a network marketing sales team, we would all compete to see how many compliments we could lavish on one another while introducing our teammate to a new prospect or sales associate. (e.g., "Hey Dylan, I'd like you to meet my friend Mary. She's very humble, but the truth is, she's the top salesperson in the northeast region!" Then Mary might say: "Nice to meet you, Dylan. Walt said a lot of nice things about me, but what I'm sure he didn't tell you is that he's one of the best trainers on our team, and....!" and we'd go back and forth like this!) When you give someone a heartfelt compliment, both parties leave that exchange feeling a little better about themselves! Give it a try!

Unfortunately, there are those among us who never learned this lesson and, through jealousy and envy, will wish you harm and seek to tear you down. They may wish failure upon you,

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berate your accomplishments, negate your achievements, challenge your intelligence, question your motives, sabotage your projects, and even spread rumors about you to tarnish your character

Fear not! While such tactics may have some short-term effects, you have your own willpower combined with your knowledge of the inviolable "lift others first" principle to elevate you above the fray! Use today's life rhyme as your motivational mantra and practice the principle to achieve success in the face of ill will and rumors of your demise!

Walt's Friday Life Rhyme #488: Rumors of Demise. See www. liferhymes.com for full archive.

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There are several ways to forge these partnerships, like business improvement districts, or BIDs, special improvement districts, and several other options. What they all have in common is a group of business people, residents, and local stakeholders get together with government to set out a specific area to work on. Some of the money to accomplish these good works comes from the businesses in the area and some of it comes from the government. One of the first stages is planning the revitalization, which can be expensive. Luckily, back in 2007, a good Garapan plan was funded but only partially implemented, so that already-paid-for plan can be updated and used as a blueprint for Garapan improvement. We also have the Saipan and Garapan plans drawn up by world-renowned landscape architect Jinichi Inada. He is they guy that turned much of Singapore from a swamp into garden over 35 years.

The kinds of things a BID does is focus on improving infrastructure like sidewalks, lighting landscaping and, most importantly, on funded, ongoing maintenance once the new infrastructure is in place. Sadly, maintenance is not always a strong suit here but it is vital if the revitalization money is not to be wasted. Cleaning, maintaining, and landscaping maintenance are contracted out as are all other functions and the association itself has only a skeleton staff or two or three people to keep down

costs. Other details like a roving visitor information staff or a fixed information kiosk with "Hospitality Corps" personnel and security cameras and personnel that work with and report problems to the CNMI police force can follow. They could work with government and, hopefully, finally fix the Garapan sewage stink problem. They could rid the area of commercial blight, fix up abandoned buildings and solve one of Garapan's biggest issues: lack of parking.

Should we do it? Yes, we should. Should we ignore Susupe or San Antonio or other areas that desperately need help? No, but separate BIDs can be set up in those areas too. How do we proceed? By getting more people involved, by continuing public outreach sessions, by not giving up on what can become the jewel of Saipan tourism, Western Garapan.

Thanks for reading Sour Grapes! Next Friday, new grapes to stomp into wine.

When asked about completing his income tax form, Albert Einstein said, "This is a question too difficult for a mathematician. It should be asked of a philosopher."

"I know everyone is happy to get their tax refund this year. It is especially gratifying to note that the government gives us back our own money after using it for a year without paying us any interest."

AMERICA'S

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For the entirety of human history, the notion of traveling to the moon had been nothing more than a fantastic dream. The achievement was a milestone that will never be forgotten. But somehow, it soon elicited boredom and complacency.

With the race won, and the Sputnik embarrassment avenged, Americans soon gave up lunar endeavors. The last astronauts to tread lunar soil departed in December, 1972. Lunar bases were never built. Manned missions to Mars, which once were assumed to be the inevitable next step in space exploration, have yet to materialize. The next people to land on the moon may well be Chinese.

The present moment, with all its political furies, has been called "the age of anxiety." But anxiety even more acute than ours existed even at the moment that humans were extending their limits beyond our earthly home. Americans didn't know then that the United States would get to the moon ahead of the Soviet Union—or that the Cold War, which spawned the race, would end in their favor.

That generation had its own divisions—even over the lunar mission, which many Americans considered an expensive waste.

Those Americans confronted their fears, strove mightily to overcome them and achieved things that were once beyond reach.

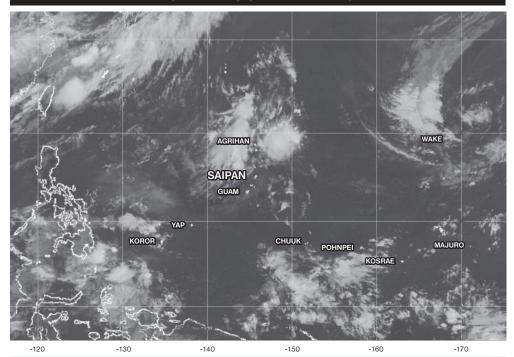
So it has been for the 243 years since July 4, 1776. All of us can find reassurance, instruction and inspiration in what the lunar pioneers did. And, more broadly, in what we as a people can do.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN SATURDAY SUNDAY **MONDAY** TUESDAY Partly cloudy with isolated **79º** 79° 880 79° 890 89° 900 900 79°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 1:53 PM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2019

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Across the Marianas, satellite shows mid-level cloudiness over Guam and just west of the other islands, but radar shows only a few small showers in the coastal waters. An upper-level trough is triggering scattered thunderstorms well north of the region, but these are expected to stay up north. Winds are light at 5 to 10 kt from the east, and combined seas are generally around 3 ft, but were hitting 4 ft at Tanapag around midnight.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	63° / 48°
Miami	Thunderstorms	87° / 81°
New York	Mostly Cloudy	84° / 75°
Osaka	Rain	81° / 75°
Paris	Sunny	84° / 63°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	79° / 70°
Rome	Sunny	93° / 70°
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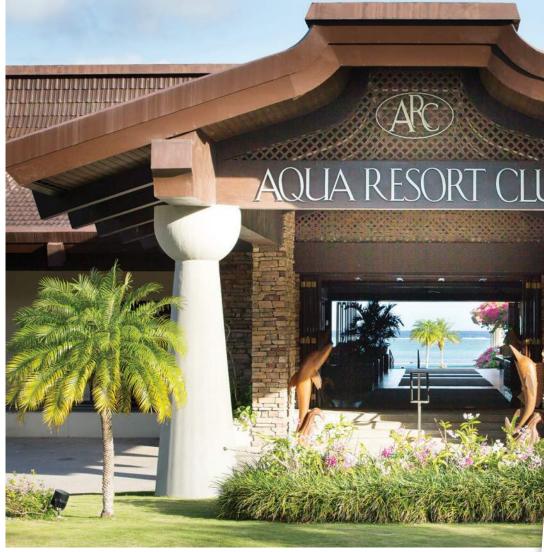
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qua Resort Club may be considered one of the smallest resorts on Saipan, but it makes up for this with outsized hospitality and quality of service that has made the resort not only a byword among its tourist guests but also within the CNMI community.

That support of not just tourists but also by local patrons has propelled the resort to its 30th anniversary, which Aqua Resort Club will celebrate on July 7 this year and, according to general manager Kevin Tsurui, it is with the same spirit they had when they first opened the hotel—to be of service to the CNMI community.

"My emotions are filled with enormous appreciation to the local community throughout the years. Without their support, ARC would not have survived and flourished throughout the years the way it has," he said.

To show its appreciation, See AQUA on Page 17



The entrance to the Aqua Resort Club.

Hashtag: private paradise

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More than a vacation, modern travelers and guests want an experience. Aqua Resort Club understands that and has come up with a strategy that highlights what they offer and makes them shine: #privateparadise.

And being surrounded by the natural beauty of Saipan, it was only natural to be simply inspired by that beauty, according to ARC general manager Kevin Tsurui. "Saipan is simply an island paradise," he said.

Taking off from this inspiration, Tsurui said that Aqua Resort Club boasts of its private, relaxing, and romantic atmosphere. "It is very peaceful and an ideal retreat to escape the everyday stresses of city life," he said.

That overarching goal to deliver the best service possible to each guest that enters the property guides their every action. "We hope our guests feel relaxed, refreshed and pampered every time they stay, dine, or visit us," Tsurui said.

Recognizing the limited size of the resort compared See PARADISE on Next Page

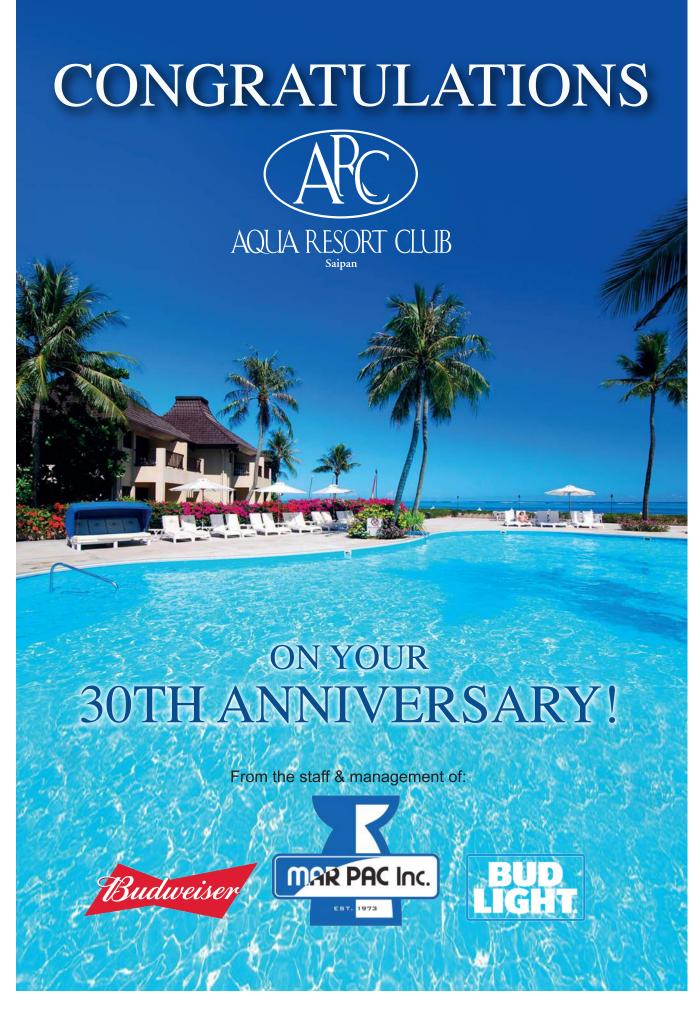


Aqua Resort Club general manager Kevin Tsurui.











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to other hotels on Saipan, Tsurui said that Aqua Resort Club has a specific client base. Rather than trying to appeal to as many people as possible, they are more focused on catering to a niche market.

"We typically attract many honeymooners, retired couples, and small families," he said. "Our rooms are in private clusters, and set in a quiet relaxing atmosphere."

That means resort officials are able to interact more with the guests and ensure personalized service. "Our regulars know that they are treated like family when they come to Aqua Resort Club," Tsurui said. "We offer personalized service, catering to each guests' individual needs."

That personalized service spills over to the Aqua Resort Club spa, which offers a wide range of massages and treatments, and the resort's restaurants offer a variety of international cuisine.

Tsurui said they try to be active as much as possible in both the local and international community. That includes supporting local events and organizations, engaging in a lot of advertising, participating in international travel fairs, and frequent promotions in many international media outlets.

Aqua Resort Club also works closely with international agents and attend various international travel fairs in Japan, Korea, China, Hong Kong, etc.

Aqua Resort Club also knows that social media is an important tool to reach a wider range of market and has a presence on Facebook, Instagram, and TripAdvisor, among others. They also offer promotions for free drinks, coupons, etc., for following them on social media.

"That way, they always stay up to date with our future promotions and events. We hope they will share the information with their friends and family who will visit us in the future," Tsurui added.





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Aqua Resort Club will be celebrating this milestone with many discounts and promotions throughout this month.

The CNMI has been through super typhoons and experienced many ups and downs "but the local community has always supported us and I thank everyone for our 30 years of continued success," Tsurui said.

Guests from different parts of the world also inspire Aqua Resort Club to keep up with hotel trends both here and abroad.

"The peace and serenity of the resort is what we want to share with the local community and tourists. We are working hard in maintaining this ambiance," Tsurui said.

And, even if Aqua Resort Club is not a brand-name hotel, this does not faze them. "We go big on the quality of our service.....Our dedication to quality of service contributes to boost the tourism economy of Saipan. ...We may not have the quantity so our quality of service and great guest satisfaction is always our focus."

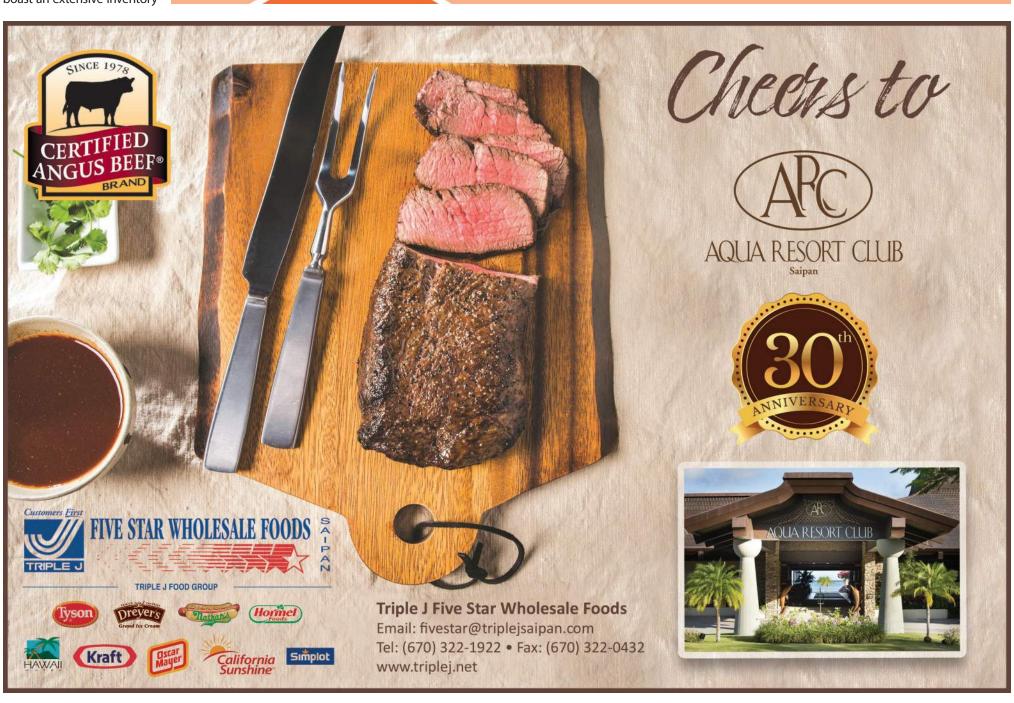
Same with guest satisfaction. Tsurui concedes that Aqua Resort Club does not boast an extensive inventory of room, but they make up for this by ensuring the satisfaction of guests.

"Not having many rooms is definitely a challenge, especially when the demand is high [and] there are times when we cannot always accommodate the large quantities [of guests]. However, we focus on the quality of guest satisfaction and we hope to create the most romantic and relaxing atmosphere for all of our guests," he said.

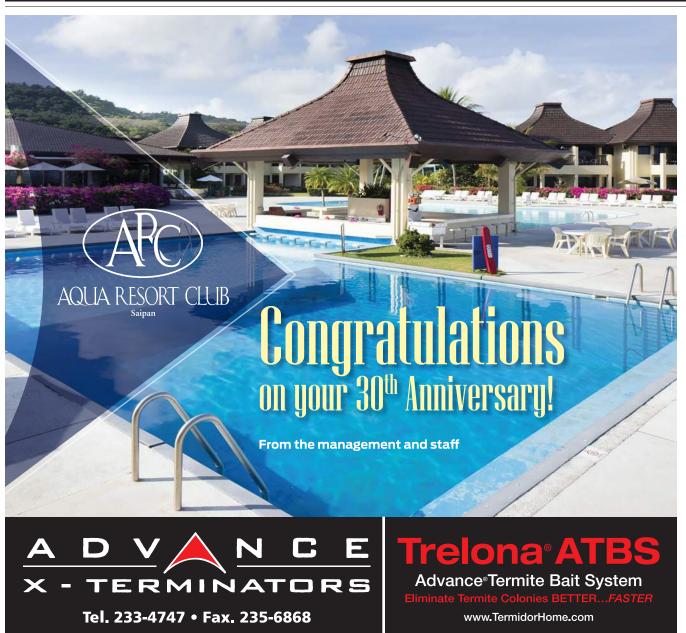
At the heart and soul of their effort to satisfy customers are their very loyal employees, whom the company treats like a family. "We nurture a family atmosphere at work where all employees support each other and work in unison."

Aqua Resort Club's passion for community work is also one of their core values and one of the hotel's contribution to the people of Saipan See AQUA on Next Page





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that is unique to them is providing drinking water.

"We have been a supplier of free and clean drinking water to everyone in the community for over 10 years and we will always continue to offer this service," Tsurui said.

The resort is also an active member of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and contributes to many organizations and events.

With Japanese low-cost airline Skymark Airlines staring their regular flights to the CNMI soon, Tsurui hopes that Aqua Resort Club will welcome back its Japanese repeater guests and maintain the diversity of the local tourism market.

"We want to accommodate and please every market, offering peace, serenity, and a romantic atmosphere to all our guests, both local and tourists coming to Saipan,"Tsurui added.

Tsurui has been managing Aqua Resort Club for five years now and has stamped the resort with many touches that has made it stand out.

"I enjoy being able to modify small details like the décor, amenities, menus, etc. to accommodate the changing market trends. Since we are a small resort, we can be very flexible and see the outcome very quickly," he said.

With this 30th anniversary milestone this year, Aqua Resort Club looks forward to many more anniversaries in the future, dedicated to pursuing what is deems best for the CNMI community.

"Again, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the local community and we hope to serve you all the best quality of service, food, beverages and accommodations for many more years to come," Tsurui said.



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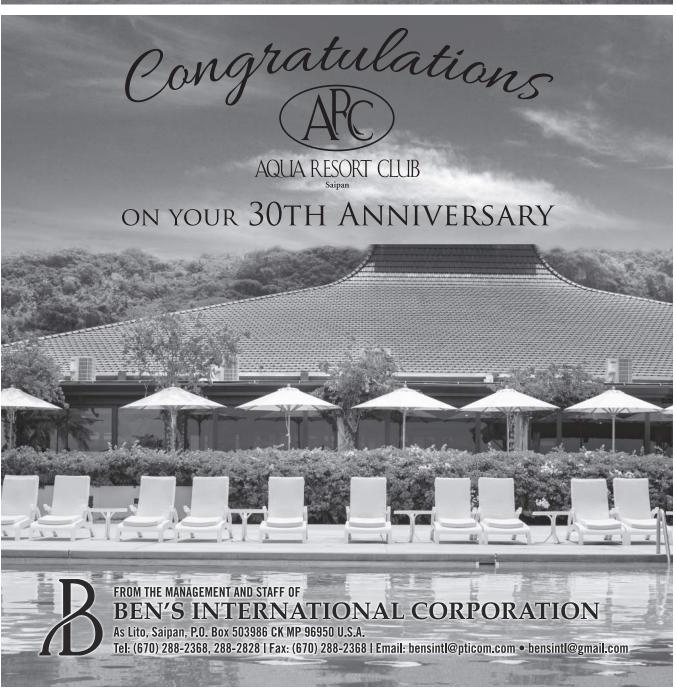
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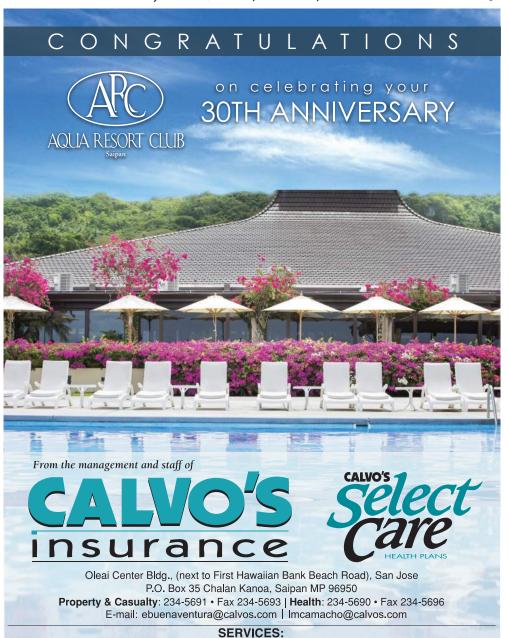
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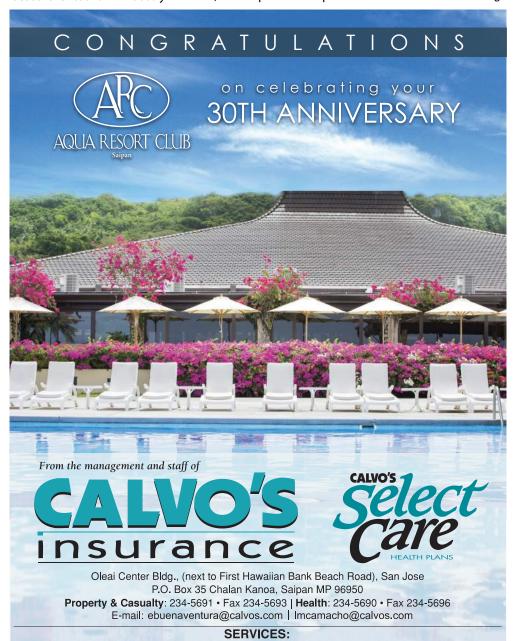
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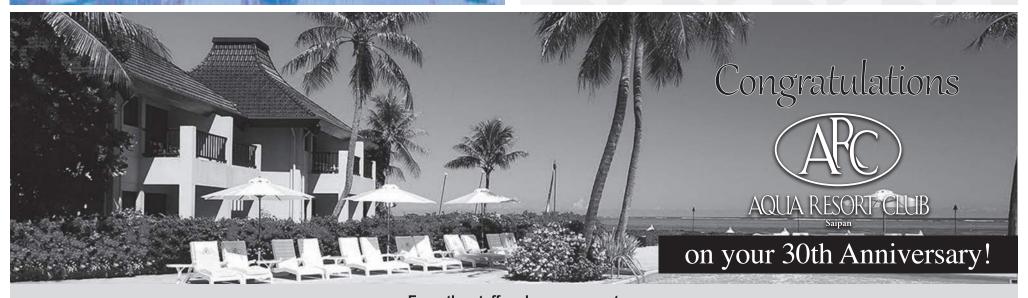
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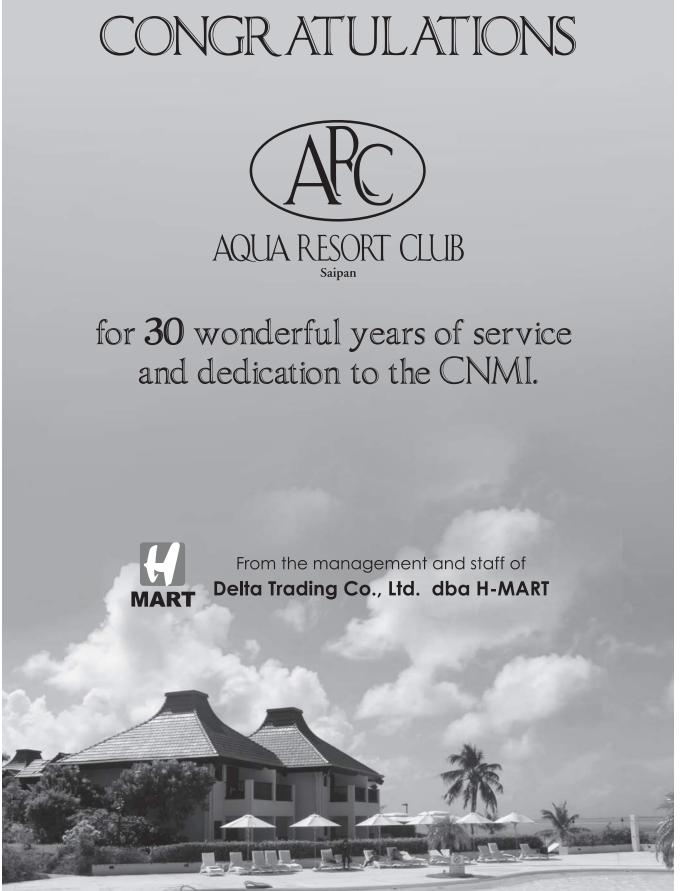
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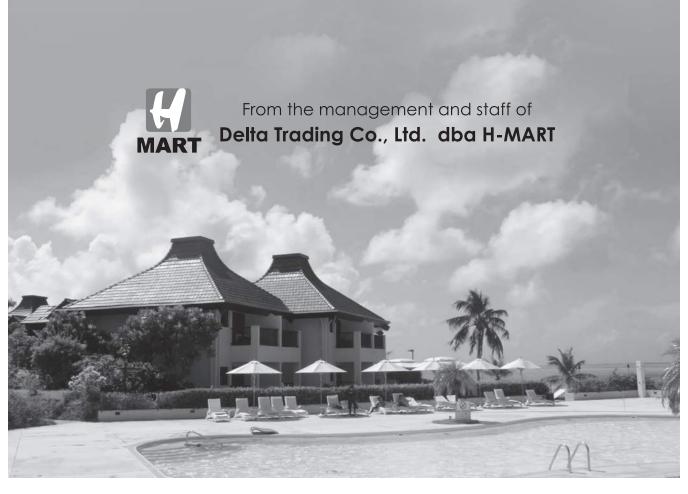
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Agua Resort Club staff in 1989.

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Aqua Resort Club staff in 2019.

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Thirty years ago, the vision was to create a peaceful, relaxing, natural, island-style resort. That was the vision then for the Agua Resort Club in the northern part of Saipan and away from downtown

Garapan. That vision has held up well, according to Victoria Sorrell, Aqua Resort Club's marketing and public relations manager.

"Aqua Resort Club is a very unique property in the CNMI and it is very different from the typical high-rise hotel," she said. "We are a small resort that focuses on quality and hospitality over quantity."

Combined with hard work and dedication to always putting its guests and tourists needs first, that has become Aqua Resort Club's formula for success.

"We continue to build our personalized service and welcoming relationships with

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our regulars and this keeps our customers coming back over the years," Sorrell added.

The hotel resort boasts of beachfront views, low-rise buildings influenced by local architecture that is environmentally sustainable, spacious guests rooms, an airy lobby, and unharmed tropical surroundings that preserve the location's natural beauty.

The resort also has seven restaurants with different themes: Kevin's Prime Rib, Sunset Beach BBQ, Costa Terrace Restaurant, Spanish Vino Bar, Michelle's Pool Bar, Michelle's Beach Bar, and

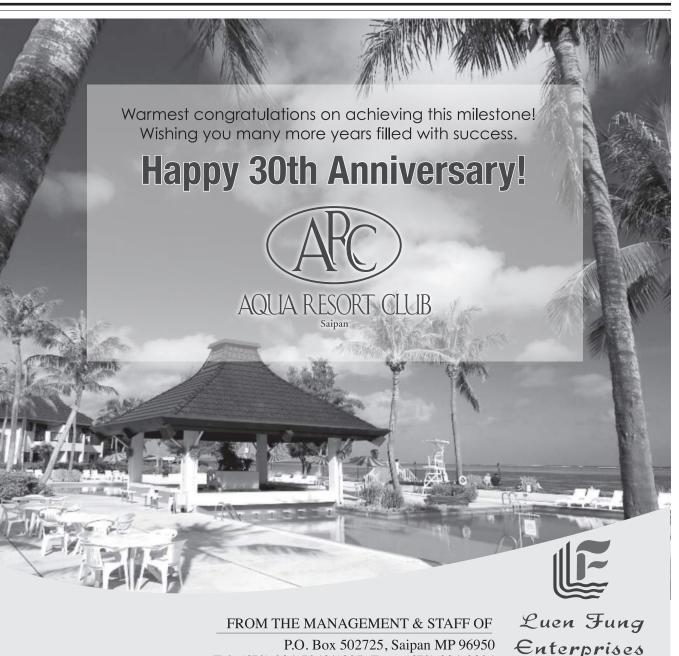
Sorrell said the future for the resort means that they will continue to grow with guests and their needs.

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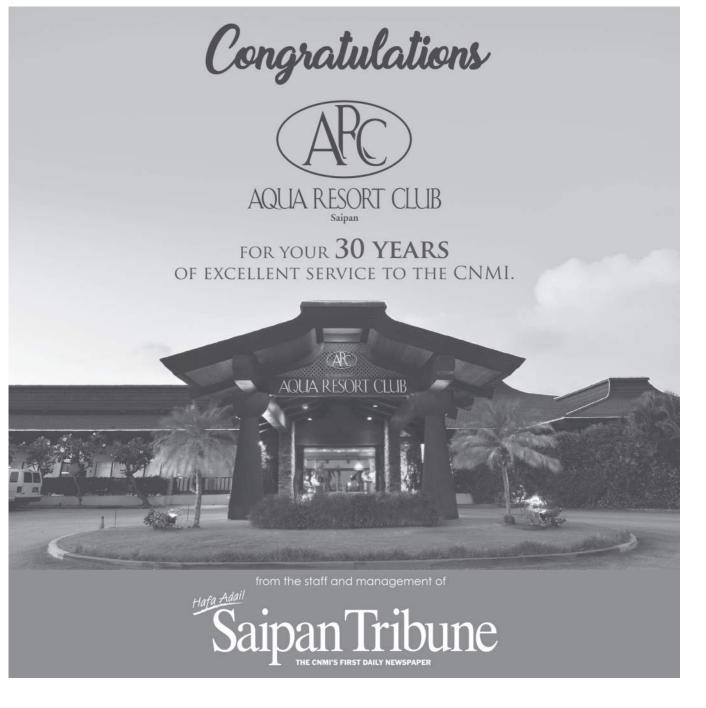


One of Aqua Resort Club's restaurant outlets.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS RFQ19-JUDICIARY-098

SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF HVAC SYSTEM AND MOLD REMEDIATION SERVICES

The Judiciary of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("Judiciary") is soliciting sealed qualifications statements for the supply and installation of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning ("HVAC") system and mold remediation service providers. Details on the requested qualifications statements and scope of project are described in RFQ19-Judicary-098 ("RFQ").

A copy of the RFQ can be obtained by visiting the CNMI Division of Procurement & Supply, located at Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP, between 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding observed holidays and austerity Friday's, upon registration completion. For general procurement information, the Division of Procurement & Supply may be contacted at 664-1506. Questions on the project or scope of work must be in writing, addressed to John T. Villagomez, Budget & Finance Director, CNMI Judiciary, and e-mailed to the following address no later than **July 19, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.**: John.villagomez@justice.gov.mp. Questions submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

<u>Pre-Submission Meeting.</u> A voluntary pre-submission meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on July 15, 2019 at the Guma' Hustisia Supreme Court Chambers.

<u>Submission Deadline:</u> Qualifications statements must be submitted in person to the CNMI Division of Procurement & Supply no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 24, 2019, Chamorro Standard Time. Qualifications Statements submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

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In Consultation with:

/s/ Alexandro C. Castro Chief Justice



COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the <u>TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT</u> <u>PERIMETER FENCE REPLACEMENT</u>, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA-TA-001-19.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and submitted to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at 2:00 PM, THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read

The Project, in general, consists of Tinian International Airport Perimeter Fence Replacement all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the CPA Accounting, 2nd floor of the Departure Terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Po. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be **TWO HUNDRED FORTY (240) CALENDAR DAYS.** Liquidated damages in the amount of **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS PER CALENDAR DAYS (\$200.00)** shall be assessed the contractor if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Tinian Ports Manager's Office, Tinian International Airport at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 27, 2019 to explain and clarify any questions pagarding this project

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, seven (7) days prior to the date designated above for the bid

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the DVD.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than TEN PERCENT (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP70 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government wide Debarment and Suspension and Government wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO CPA Executive Director

Date: June 12, 2019

Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

US trade deficit rises to 5-month high of \$55.5B in May

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. trade deficit rose to a five-month high in May as the politically sensitive imbalances with China and Mexico widened. The Commerce Department said Wednesday that the gap between the goods and services the U.S. sells and what it buys from foreign countries rose 8.4% to \$55.5 billion in May, the highest since December. Exports increased 2% to \$210.6 billion on rising shipments of soybeans, aircraft and cars. But imports climbed more—3.3% to \$266.2 billion—on an increase in crude oil and cellphones. The deficit in the trade of goods with Mexico rose 18.1% to a record \$9.6 billion. The goods gap with China widened 12.2% to \$30.2 billion. President Donald Trump has sought to reduce America's persistent trade deficit, which he sees as a sign of economic weakness and the result of bad trade agreements crafted by naive U.S. negotiators.

US services companies grow more slowly in June

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. services companies grew at a slower pace in June as the pace of hiring, orders and production decelerated. The Institute for Supply Management, an association of purchasing managers, says its non-manufacturing index fell to 55.1 from 56.9 in May. Anything above 50 signals growth, though, and the services sector is enjoying a 113-month

winning streak. Sixteen services industries reported growth last month, led by real estate. Services dominate the American economy, accounting for 84% of private-sector jobs. Some respondents to the ISM survey expressed concern about heightened trade tensions—though the overall results remained healthy. President Donald Trump has imposed tariffs on \$250 billion in Chinese imports as the two countries seek to settle their differences over Beijing's aggressive trade policies.

Trump says US should start manipulating the dollar

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump on Wednesday accused China and Europe of playing a "big currency manipulation game." He said the United States should match that effort, a move that directly contradicts official U.S. policy not to manipulate the dollar's value to gain trade advantages. In a tweet, the president said if America doesn't act, the country will continue "being the dummies who sit back and politely watch as other countries continue to play their gamesas they have for so many years." Trump's own Treasury Department in May found that no country meets the criteria of being labeled a currency manipulator, although the report did put China and eight other countries on a watch list. A country manipulates its currency when it drives down the value to make its exports cheaper and foreign imports more expensive.



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International airport perimeter security fence replacement - repackaging, commonwealth of the northern mariana islands, aip no.:

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The Project, in general, consists of Rota International Airport Perimeter Security Fence Replacement, all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Commonwealth Ports Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the departure terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY U.S. DOLLARS** (\$150,00) for each set of plan documents in electronic form (DVD). This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be **TWO SEVENTY FORTY (270) CALENDAR DAYS**, Liquidated damages in the amount of **THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER CALENDAR DAYS (\$300.00)** shall be assessed the contractor if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Rota Ports Manager's Office, Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport at **10:00 a.m., Friday, June 28, 2019** to explain

and clarify any questions regarding this project.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director. Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, seven (7) days prior to the date designated above for the bid

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It is the Contractors' responsibility to verify and ensure that the drawings are printed without distortion after printing which may affect sheet size and scale of the design details. Prints shall be the actual intended size of 24" by 36" as initially prepared by the Designer of Record.

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All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor,

whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP-70 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO CPA Executive Director

Date: June 11, 20

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Nation

US still looking for way to ask about citizenship on census

WASHINGTON The Justice Department said Wednesday that it was still looking for a way to include a controversial citizenship question on the 2020 census, even though the government has started the process of printing the questionnaire without it.

The abrupt shift from the Justice Department came

No prosecution for

Alabama woman who

BESSEMER, Ala. (AP)—

An Alabama district attorney

said Wednesday she is drop-

ping the manslaughter charge

against a woman who lost her

fetus when she was shot dur-

ing a fight. Marshae Jones

was arrested last week after a

grand jury concluded she in-

tentionally caused the death of

her fetus by initiating a fight,

knowing she was pregnant.

Jones was five months preg-

nant when 23-year-old Eb-

ony Jemison shot her in the

stomach during a December

argument over the fetus' fa-

ther, authorities said. Jemi-

son was initially charged

with manslaughter, but a

was shot, lost fetus

ACROSS THE NATION

hours after President Donald Trump insisted he was not dropping his efforts to ask about citizenship in next year's nationwide survey. On Twitter he declared, "We are absolutely moving forward."

The administration has faced numerous roadblocks to adding the citizenship question, including last week's

Jefferson County grand jury

declined to indict her after

police said an investigation

determined Jones started the

fight, and Jemison ultimately

fired in self-defense. Jones,

28, was indicted by the same

grand jury and arrested. But

Jefferson County Bessemer

Cutoff District Attorney Lyn-

neice O. Washington said

Wednesday that she would

not pursue the case.

Jury sentences Navy

SEAL for posing with

SAN DIEGO (AP)—A deco-

rated Navy SEAL acquitted

of murder in the killing of a

wounded Islamic State captive

in Iraq but convicted for posing

with the corpse was sentenced

Iraq war casualty

Supreme Court ruling that blocked its inclusion, at least temporarily. The Justice Department had insisted to the Supreme Court that it needed the matter resolved by the end of June because it faced a deadline to begin printing census forms and other materials.

But on Wednesday, officials

by a military jury Wednesday

after the Bronze Star recipient

acknowledged making ethi-

cal and moral mistakes. Spe-

cial Operations Chief Edward

Gallagher was sentenced by a

spent in custody to ensure he

won't be locked up. Gallagher

turned to his wife, shook his

head and pretended to unpin

his "anchors"—the insignia of

a chief—and fling them across

the courtroom. He then smiled

and hugged her. The sentence

will not go into effect until it

is approved by the command-

ing officer overseeing the

court-martial.

told a Maryland judge they believed there may still be a way to meet Trump's demands.

"There may be a legally available path," Assistant Attorney General Joseph Hunt told U.S. District Judge George Hazel during a con-

ference call with parties to one of three census lawsuits. The call was closed to reporters, but a transcript was made available soon after.

Appeals court puts Trump abortion restrictions on hold again

SEATTLE (AP)—Trump administration rules that impose additional hurdles for lowincome women seeking abortions are on hold once again.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco on Wednesday vacated a unanimous ruling from a threejudge panel and said a slate of 11 judges will reconsider lawsuits brought by more than 20 states and several civil rights and health organizations challenging the rules.

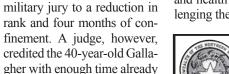
The rules ban taxpayerfunded clinics from making abortion referrals and prohibit clinics that receive federal money from sharing office space with abortion providers.

Critics say the rules would force many clinics to find new locations, undergo expensive remodels or shut down.

The Justice Department did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment. The agency previously said its position "is supported by

long-standing Supreme Court precedent, and we are confident we will ultimately prevail on appeal."

Federal judges in Washington, Oregon and California blocked the rules from taking effect. U.S. District Judge Michael McShane in Oregon called the new policy "madness" and said it was motivated by "an arrogant assumption that the government is better suited to direct women's health care than their providers."



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WATER QUALITY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

Your 2018 CUC Water Quality Report is now available on-line! This year, we have a separate report for each island: Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. These reports contain important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. Please open the following web sites to view what contaminants were detected in your water during 2018 and to learn more about your drinking water.

For Saipan, go to http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/SAIPAN2018.pdf

For Tinian, go to http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/TINIAN2018.pdf

For Rota, go to http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/ROTA2018.pdf

If you need the report translated, wish to speak with someone about the report, or would like a paper copy delivered or emailed to you, please call CUC at (670) 664-4282.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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INVITATION FOR BIDS ITB19-GOV-090

Rota High School Renovation and Conversion to Office Spaces

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the 702 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funded by Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior , (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed bids for the Rota High School Renovation and Conversion to Office Spaces on Rota, Cor The project package will be available on June 10, 2019 at the Office of Management & Budget, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol

The project paragraph the available of the India of the I Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001 and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees

performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Comm

There will be a pre-bid conference for this project on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 10:00 am ChST at the project site in Songsong Village, Rota, CNMI. Questions concerning this project shall be directed to Ms. Nerissa Benavente in writing by e-mail: nerissa.cip@gmail.com, on or before Wednesday, June 26, 2019 to the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be

Sealed bids must be marked ITB19-GOV-090 Rota High School Renovation and Conversion to Office Spaces. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST July 5, 2019. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST July 10, 2019 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cnmidof.net. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 5, 2019 and the bid documents must be received no later than July 10, 2019. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan at 10:30 a.m. ChST July 5, 2019. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open at 10:00

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit

A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond

obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each hond

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:

- US Government Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 180 calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern

Ralph DLG. Torres Herman S. Sablan, Director

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Ngáli Luuta, mweteló reel http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/ROTA2018.pdf

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lyon-mu 2018 na Ripot nu i Kuålidåt Hånom i CUC managuahayi på gu giya on-line! På gu na såkkan, in na'guahayi siparåo na ripot para kada' isla: Saipan, Tinian, yan Luta. Esti na ripot siha masaguaniniyi impottånti na infotmasion put i tutuhonña yan kuålidåt put i Hånom ni un gigimin.

Put fabot baba i tinattivi na web sites para un atan håfa siha mankutchinu ni masodda´ gi hålum i hånom-mu gi duråntin 2018 na såkkan para un ke´tungu´ mås put i hånom ni un gigimin.

Para Saipan, hånao para http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/SAIPAN2018.pdf

Para Tinian, hånao para http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/TINIAN2018.pdf

Para Luta, hånao para http://www.cucgov.org/wp-content/ROTA2018.pdf

Kumu un nisisita i ripot para u matranslåda, ya malagu´ håo kumuentusi håyi put i ripot pat malagu´ håo kopian påppit u ma'entrega pat ma-email guatu para hågu, put fabot hågan i CUC gi (670) 664-4282.

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Asia

Heavy rain in south Japan, over 1 million directed to leave



Members of the fire department monitor the water level of the Wada River in heavy rain Wednesday, July 3, 2019, in Kagoshima City, southwest Japan.

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese authorities on Wednesday directed more than 1 million residents in parts of the south-

ern main island of Kyushu to evacuate to designated shelters as heavy rains batter the region, prompting fears of landslides and widespread flooding.

The Fire and Disaster Management Agency said the directive was issued in three

N. Korea: Trump tries to undermine peace with sanctions

UNITED NATIONS (AP)— Three days after the U.S. and North Korean leaders held a historic third meeting, North Korea's U.N. Mission accused the Trump administration Wednesday of talking about dialogue but being "more and more hell bent" on hostile acts.

A press statement from the mission pointed a finger at U.S. efforts to exert "overt pressure" and have the world's nations implement U.N. sanctions.

First, it said, the U.S. and 23

other countries sent a letter to the U.N. Security Council committee monitoring sanctions on North Korea demanding urgent action "under the absurd pretext of 'excess in the amount of refined petroleum imported.""

The United States and the other countries accused the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea, or DPRK, of violating U.N. sanctions by importing far more than the annual limit of 500,000 barrels of refined petroleum products,

which are key for its economy. But last month Russia and China blocked the sanctions committee from declaring that Pyongyang breached the annual import limit.

North Korea's U.N. Mission said the United States, Britain, France and Germany then circulated a joint letter to all U.N. member states on June 29 "calling for repatriation of the DPRK workers abroad, thus inciting an atmosphere of sanctions and pressure against the DPRK."

southern prefectures. Directives are stronger than advisories, but there are no penalties if people do not comply.

Heavy rain has continued in southern Japan since Friday, killing an elderly woman in a mudslide in Kagoshima. The rain also has flooded dozens of homes. Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Kotaro Nogami said 14,000 ground troops were standing by for emergency rescue and search operations if needed.

He urged residents to use caution and try to evacuate early "to protect your lives" rather than waiting until the last minute.

The agency said landslide warnings have been issued for parts of the three prefectures because rain is expected to intensify over the next few days.

The Meteorological Agency says up to 35 centimeters (13 inches) more rain is expected through Thursday.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Choppers retrieve 7 bodies believed to be Himalayan climbers

LUCKNOW, India (AP)—Seven bodies believed to be from a missing team of international climbers were retrieved by helicopters from a notoriously dangerous Himalayan mountain in northern India on Wednesday, officials said. Indian air force helicopters brought the bodies to Pithoragarh town in northern India's Uttarakhand state, said Vijay Jogdande, a local civil administrator. He said the bodies were still unidentified because the faces were damaged and no identifying papers were found on them. Veteran British mountaineer Martin Moran was leading three other Britons, two Americans, an Australian and an Indian on an expedition to climb Nanda Devi East. Moran's Scotland-based company said contact with the team was lost on May 26 following an avalanche. An eighth body hasn't been found and authorities have abandoned the search.

Pakistan says explosion in Kashmir kills 5 soldiers

ISLAMABAD (AP)—An explosion killed five of Pakistani soldiers and wounded one near the heavily militarized border with neighboring India in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, Pakistan's military said on Wednesday. India and Pakistan have fought several wars over the control of Kashmir, which both countries claim and is de facto divided between them. In a statement, Pakistan's military said the "incident" pointed to a violation by

India of the ceasefire agreement. However, the military said it was still trying to determine the cause of the explosion, without giving any further details. In Indian-controlled Kashmir, Lt. Col. Devender Rana, an Indian army spokesman, refuted the charge. He said "to our knowledge, no incident has taken place" along the so-called Line of Control in Kashmir.

Japan says curbs on exports to SKorea due to broken pledge

TOKYO (AP)—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said Wednesday that Japan cannot give South Korean exports preferential treatment because the country is not abiding by an agreement regarding wartime issues that Japan insists have been resolved. Abe was objecting to criticism over escalating tensions between the two neighbors amid disputes over Koreans forced to work as laborers during World War II. He was defending a decision announced Monday to impose restrictions on Japan's exports of semiconductor-related materials to South Korea. As of Thursday, exports of some materials used in manufacturing computer parts, including fluorinated polyimides used for displays, must apply for approval for each contract. "We did not intertwine historical issues with trade issues," Abe said. "The issue of former Korean laborers is not about a historical issue but about whether to keep the promise between countries under international law ... and what to do when the promise is broken."

BOAZ CORPORATION

Has an opening for **ACCOUNT CLERK**

Job Duties:

Provide accounting and clerical support to the accounting department. Type accurately, prepare and maintain accounting documents and records. Prepare bank deposit, general ledger posting and statements. Reconcile accounts in a timely manner. Daily enter key date of financial transaction in database. Provide assistance and support to company personnel. Research, track and restore accounting or documentation problems and discrepancies. Inform management and compile reports/summaries on activity areas. Function in accordance with established standard, procedures and applicable laws. Constantly update job knowledge.

Requirements:

Proven accounting experience, preferable as an Accounts receivable clerk or Accounts Payable Clerk. Familiarity with bookkeeping and basic accounting procedures. Competency in MS Office, databases and accounting software. Hand on Experience with spreadsheets and financial reports. Aptitude for numbers. Ability to perform filing and record keeping tasks. Data entry and word processing skills. Well organized. High school degree or Associate's Degree or relevant certification is a plus. Korean/Speaking/reading and writing is a plus to better communicate with Tour Company partners in Korea. A lot of account payable and receivables are from tour agencies from Korea who gave customers to handle while they are in Saipan. Most of this documents are in native Korean language and having an Account Clerk, who can read, write and speak the Korean language would be a great help to our company in making sure each transactions are accurate. In the event that are discrepancies, the Account Clerk would have to verify each transaction with the Korean Tour Agency to reconcile each transaction to ensure accuracies. Language barrier would be a great inconvenience to both our company and our tour agency partner in Korea in making sure each transaction are well documented and reconciled to reflect maximum accuracy.

Salary: \$8.84- \$ 9.38 per hour Interested applicants Send resume to boazcorp2017@gmail.com or call 1-670-234-1667 Deadline for applications is July 10, 2019. This job opportunity is a temporary, full-time position.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter Of
The Petition To
Appoint General
Guardianship For:

J.D.S.T., S.S.T. and
L.S.T.
Minor Child
By:
Recky Jack and

ACTION NO.
19-0281

NOTICE OF
HEARING

Sintosy Suda

Petitioners /

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on 8/26, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom MBP before Honorable Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

Dated this 13th day of June, 2019

Patrick V. Diaz Clerk of Court

/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PINOTE, DEXTER Marcon)	FCD-DI-CIVIL ACT NO. 19-0274
Petitioner,		SUMMONS FOR
vs.)	PUBLICATION
PINOTE, LUZVIMINDA)	
PALAPAR 	_)	
Respondent,)	

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 7807 SVRB Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 13th day of June, 2019.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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World

Rouhani: Iran will enrich uranium to 'any amount we want'

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran's president warned that Tehran will increase its enrichment of uranium to "any amount that we want" beginning on Sunday, putting further pressure on European nations to save its faltering nuclear deal and offer a way around intense U.S. sanctions.

President Hassan Rouhani's threat, combined with Iran surpassing the stockpile limits of the 2015 atomic accord, could narrow the estimated one-year window it would need to produce enough material for a nuclear weapon, something Iran denies it wants but the deal sought to prevent.

But as tensions rise a year after President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America from the deal, it looks unlikely that Europe can offer Iran a way to sell its oil on the global market despite U.S. sanctions.

All this comes as the U.S. has rushed an aircraft carrier, B-52 bombers and F-22 fighters to the region and Iran recently shot down a U.S. military surveillance drone. "Be careful with the threats, Iran. They can come back to bite you like nobody has been bitten before!" Trump tweeted in response to Rouhani's warning.

Russian defense chief says there are survivors of navy fire

MOSCOW (AP)—Some crew members survived a fire that killed 14 sailors on one of the Russian navy's deep-sea submersibles, Russia's defense minister said Wednesday without specifying the number of survivors from the blaze.

Speaking at the navy's Arctic base of Severomorsk, Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu praised crew members for "heroic" actions on the research vessel, saying some seamen sacrificed their lives to rescue a civilian expert and to save the ship when the fire broke out Monday.

The Defense Ministry said the 14 seamen were killed by toxic fumes from the blaze, but it did not disclose how many crew members the submersible carried. Russian media reports said four or five crew members survived the blaze, but the claim couldn't be confirmed.

Details remained scare Wednesday about the fire and the ship, which was on a mission to measure sea depths in Russia's territorial waters in the Barents Sea.

The ministry didn't name the vessel, but Russian media reported it was the country's most secret submersible, a nuclear-powered research sub-

In bis new life, be now joins bis:

Daughter: †Agnes P. Deleon Guerrero

Parents: †Jose R. Pangelinan & †Maria R. Pangelinan

Sons: †Juan D. Cruz, †Pedro C. Pangelinan and †Norbert C. Pangelinan

Margarette I. Pangelinan; †Kalani P. Deleon Guerrero

Grandchildren: †Carla Mae P. Benavente; †Emery Joseph I. Pangelinan; †Ruth

†Victoria P. & †Jose Concepcion & †Juan Mafnas; †Rita C. & †Albert

†Theodora Cruz; †Jesus D. Cruz; †Juan C. Arriola; †Miguel D. Cruz

His memories will be forever live in the bearts of his:

Nobert & Juliana Pangelinan & children & grandchildren

†Emery Joseph I. Pangelinan & children

†Francisco R. Pangelinan; †Emilia P. & †Alfonso Palacios & †Ricardo Sablan;

Tenorio: †Jose D. & †Virginia Cruz; †Joaquin D. & †Ana Cruz; †Pedro D. &

Parents In Laws: †Pedro C. & †Rufina D. Cruz

Wife: †Maxima Cruz Pangelinan

Brother/Sisters / In-Laws:

Children & Families:

David Sablan & families

†Pedro C. & Judith I. Pangelinan

Henry C. & Matilde L. Pangelinan

Shawn I. Pangelinan

marine called the Losharik intended for sensitive missions at great depths.

Few images and details have emerged about the vessel. In 2012, the Losharik was involved in research intended to prove Russia's claim on the vast Arctic seabed. It collected samples from a depth of 2,500 meters (8,202 feet), according to official statements at the time. Regular submarines can typically dive only to depths of up to 600 meters (2,000 feet).

President Vladimir Putin, who summoned Shoigu Tuesday to report on the fire, said in televised comments that seven of the dead had the rank of captain and two had been awarded the nation's highest medal, the Hero of Russia.

"It's a huge loss for the navy," Putin said.

The Defense Ministry on Wednesday published a list

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

Hilarion Reyes Pangelinan

Born to Life: October 21, 1928

Called to Eternal Life: July 01, 2019

identifying the victims. They included two captains, Denis Dolonskiy and Nikolai Filin, who were recipients of Hero of Russia medals. Russian media said Dolonskiy and Filin received the medals for the 2012 Arctic seabed mission.

Shoigu, speaking during a meeting with officials investigating the fire, said those who died were "high professionals" and "unique experts."



WORLD BRIEFS

Sudan protesters resume talks with army over transition

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP)—Sudan's pro-democracy movement resumed talks Wednesday with the ruling military council over a transfer of power to civilian rule, a protest leader said, a move that could break weeks of political impasse since the military ousted autocratic President Omar al-Bashir in April. Mariam al-Mahdi, deputy chief of the main opposition Umma Party, told The Associated Press that the Forces for Declaration of Freedom and Change were meeting with the military council in the capital, Khartoum. Earlier in the day, the FDFC had said it would not resume direct talks until its demands were met. The African Union and Ethiopia, acting as mediators, had invited both sides for direct negotiations over their joint proposal to end Sudan's political impasse. They said the parties responded "positively" but disagreed on the make-

up of the sovereign council

the transition.

Amsterdam mulls red light district change

(AP)—The windows where scantily clad sex workers stand to attract customers in Amsterdam could be closing for good. The city's mayor proposed fundamental changes Wednesday to the network of narrow alleys and canal side streets that make up Amsterdam's famed red light district. The proposals range from closing the window curtains so sex workers no longer are on public display and shutting down brothels with display windows altogether to adding more windows and moving prostitution somewhere else in the city. Mayor Femke Halsema said the ideas are intended to protect sex workers' rights, prevent crime and reduce nuisances for local residents and businesses. Halsema plans to discuss the four proposals for the red light district's future at two meetings later this month with those affected.

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Oscar Jr. B. Pangelinan Rebecca P. & John T. Santos

Trinny Ann Santos & Antonio Sablan Jr. & children John Jacob P. Santos

Lance P. Santos Hilarion P. Santos

Brenda P. & Peter Trinidad

Gregg P. Sasamoto & child Latara P. Sasamoto & children

Latanie S. & Albert Naputi & children

Maxima S. & Kramer Young

Joshua Trinidad & Annie Mendiola & children & grandchildren Charlotte T. Palacios & Marlon Raqueno & children & grandchildren

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Tracy Borja & Bobby Pangelinan & children Melissa Borja & Elias Cabrera & children Pedro Borja & Michelle Quenga & children Jerome Borja & Michelle Libby & children Diego Borja & children Brian Borja

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Carmen DLG. & Jun Hwang & children Esther Monique A. Deleon Guerrero Francisco Jose A. Deleon Guerrero

Brother & Sisters In-Law: Joey & Carmen Dela Cerna; Ana C. Cruz: Maria Rios Cruz

Family Friend: Cynthia Borja (Koichi)

He is additional survived by his numerous nieces, nephews and godchildren.

Daily Mass of Intension for the repose of his soul is being celebrated at

San Antonio Church 07/02/2019 6:00 pm 07/03/2019 6:00 pm St. Jude Church 07/04/2019 7:00 am St. Jude Church 07/05/2019 6:00 pm St. Jude Church 07/06/2019 5:30 pm St. Jude Church 07/07/2019 6:00 am St. Jude Church 07/08/2019 6:00 pm St. Jude Church

Funeral Services to be held on July 09, 2019. His remains will be escorted from CHC Morgue at 7:00 am to the Chalan Kanoa Cathedral.

Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 am. Interment will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase and God bless,

Children and families of the late †Hilarion Reyes Pangelinan

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Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Viking chess piece sells for more than \$900,000 at auction

LONDON (AP)—A 900-yearold Viking chess piece bought for a few dollars in the 1960s has sold at auction for 735,000 pounds (\$927,000). The 3 1/2inch (8.8-centimeter) Lewis Chessman sold to an anonymous bidder at Sotheby's in London on Tuesday. The Lewis Chessmen are intricate, expressive chess pieces in the form of Norse warriors, carved from walrus ivory in the 12th century. A hoard of dozens of pieces, amounting to four chess sets, was discovered in 1831 on Scotland's Isle of Lewis—but five of the pieces were missing. The Sotheby's piece, the equivalent of a rook, is the first missing chessman to be identified. It was bought by an antiques dealer in Scotland in 1964 and passed down to his family before being identified as a Lewis figure.

Sweet spot: Officer craving ice cream nabs gun suspect

NEW YORK (AP)—A police officer's craving for cake batter ice cream put him and his colleagues in the right place to take action when a loaded gun fell out of a man's shorts at a Baskin-Robbins shop in New York City. Police say three officers were at the shop in Coney Island, Brooklyn while on-duty Saturday when Emmanuel Lovett walked in, tugged his denim shorts and dropped a pistol to the floor. The officers swarmed and arrested the 33-year-old man. Police say his robbery record prohibited him from having a gun. He's charged with criminal possession of a firearm. Lovett is jailed on \$7,500 bail. He's due in court Friday. A message seeking comment was left with his lawyer. The NYPD acknowledged the oddity of the ice cream-induced arrest, tweeting: "Seriously, this actually happened."

Sheriff: Inmates were fermenting vegetables to make alcohol

PRATTVILLE, Ala. (AP)— An Alabama sheriff says jail inmates were caught making some truly "disgusting" alcohol out of fermenting vegetables. News outlets report it turned up when dozens of officers conducted a shakedown for contraband Monday at the Autauga Metro Jail. Autauga County Sheriff Joe Sedinger says it was the first time he'd seen vegetables being used to make alcohol. He says the jail stopped serving inmates fruit years ago because they made wine with it. Sedinger says searchers also

found an electronic cigarette altered to be used as a tattoo gun, as well as dice fashioned from the plastic ball that's in bottles of roll on deodorant. The sheriff says inmates won't be punished for the contraband. He just wants to remind them that he's watching the jail closely.

Police: Woman refuses to pay for cake she ate while shopping

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP)—Authorities say a Texas woman ate half a cake while roaming the aisles of a Walmart store and then refused to pay full price for it, claiming she had found it half-eaten. Wichita Falls police Sgt. Harold Mc-Clure says the woman picked up the cake at the store's bakery last Tuesday and ate half of it before getting to the checkout counter. He says a manager called police after the woman claimed she had found the cake that way and would not pay full price for it. Officers ordered her to pay the full price but did not issue her a citation. She was banned from the store and her name wasn't released.

Orange fireball lighting Florida sky was Chinese space junk

MIAMI (AP)—Conspiracy theorists took to social media in a flurry of excitement Wednesday after a mysterious flying object resembling an orange fireball streaked across the Florida sky. The American Meteor Society reported two dozen sightings from Jacksonville to Key West after midnight and tweeted there's "no real explanation yet." Even the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office joined in on the fun after receiving reports about the mysterious lights, posting on social media that "we were not invaded last night by Martians, but we appreciate the level of confidence you have of us to stop intergalactic invaders." Astrophysicist Jonathan McDowell at the Center for Astrophysics has a more logical explanation for the unusual flashes of light, with a notso blockbuster finale. He said they were just pieces of a Chinese rocket as it re-entered the Earth's atmosphere. Launched in January, the rocket weighed over two tons and was roughly 30 feet (9 meters) long. He said it helped put a Chinese military communication satellite in orbit, and like most space junk, was being tracked as it circled the planet.

Man accused of forging police report as late for work excuse

LISBON, N.H. (AP)—A man accused of forging a police report to back up his bogus story that he used as an excuse to

his boss is facing real charges in New Hampshire. The Caledonian-Record reports that 51-year-old Paul Neilson was charged last week with forgery, a felony punishable by up to seven years in prison. Police say the Lisbon man told his boss he was late to work at a construction company March 11 because a Lisbon officer gave him a warning about his expired car registration. When his boss got suspicious, police say Neilson gave him a report purportedly from the officer with a detailed description of their interaction. The boss contacted police, who said they had not had any contact with Neilson that day nor written the report. A phone number for Neilson could not be found.

US customs agents seize rat meat at Chicago's O'Hare Airport

CHICAGO (AP)—Officials say U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport thwarted a man's attempt to import several pounds of African rat meat. Customs spokesman Steve Bansbach said Tuesday that the man declared the 32 pounds of meat on June 26 when his flight arrived from the Ivory Coast. The meat was confiscated and destroyed. Bansbach says the man did not face a fine and continued on his journey because he was forthcoming about what he was bringing into the country. He says customs officials prohibit the entry of African meats to prevent the spread of African swine fever. The Department of Agriculture says the highly contagious and deadly viral disease affects domestic and wild pigs and is not a threat to humans. The department says it has never been found in the U.S.

California man returns Hawaii library book after 47 years

HONOLULU (AP)—A California man who borrowed a cookbook from a Honolulu library has returned it after nearly five decades. Hawaii News Now reports Patrick Powers delivered the "Hawaii Cooks" book to the Waikiki-Kapahulu Public Library last week while on vacation in the state. Powers says he found the book last year in a storage box and decided it was finally time to return it. He borrowed the book 47 years ago while living in Hawaii. It traveled with him when he later moved to California. Powers handed the book over with a letter explaining what happened. He also gave the library a newer copy to replace his old, damaged one.

Science & Technoloy

3-D printing recreates ancient sculpture destroyed by ISIS

LONDON (AP)—A figure of a roaring lion, about the size of a loaf of bread, is the latest step in the fight to preserve culture from conflict.

The sculpture is a replica of a colossal 3,000-year-old statue from the Temple of Ishtar in Nimrud, in what's now Iraq. The stone statue was one of many artifacts from the Mosul Museum destroyed by the Islamic State group after it overran the city in 2014.

The replica Lion of Mosul, which can be viewed online, was modelled from crowd-sourced photos taken by Mosul Museum visitors in happier times and 3-D printed as part of Google's digital arts and culture project.

It's going on display at London's Imperial War Museum in an exhibition that looks at how war devastates societies' cultural fabric—and at the ingenious and often heroic steps taken to preserve it.

Chance Coughenour, digital archaeologist at Google Arts and Culture, said the exhibition "highlights the potential of technology—both in terms of digitally preserving culture and telling these amazing stories in engaging new ways."

It also illustrates a grim truth: culture has long been a casualty of conflict. Museums, monuments and even music are often deliberately targeted by combatants.

"The destruction of culture is sort of an accepted sideline to war," Imperial War Museum curator Paris Agar said Wednesday. "One of the main reasons for destroying culture is to send a message: We have victory over you. We have power over you. It's because culture means so much to us; if we didn't care it wouldn't be a tool."

The horror that rippled around the world in April at the sight of Paris's Notre Dame cathedral in flames is proof of the powerful attachment we have to buildings and artworks.

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The most shocking parts of the exhibition are the records made by the destroyers: meticulous Nazi lists of artworks they'd stolen; video of the Taliban blowing up Afghanistan's 1,000-year-old Bamiyan Buddhas; footage of IS militants methodically sledgehammering statues in the Mosul museum.



A 3D printed recreation of the ancient Lion of Mosul, which was destroyed by the Islamic State group at the Mosul Museum in Iraq, is displayed as part of the 'What Remains' exhibition at the Imperial War Museum in London, Wednesday, July 3, 2019.



A 3D printed 2015 recreation titled 'Unknown King of Haar' by Morehshin Allahyari is displayed as part of the 'What Remains' exhibition at the Imperial War Museum in London, Wednesday, July 3, 2019. The original statue was destroyed by the Islamic State group at the Mosul Museum in Iraq.

The show covers a century of destruction, from the German army's World War I destruction of the university and library of Louvain, Belgium to the shelling of the National and University Library in Sarajevo during the Bosnian war in 1992.

The 1940 devastation of England's Coventry Cathedral by Germany's Luftwaffe is shown alongside the destruction of the Frauenkirche in Dresden by Allied bombing in 1945.

Both were later rebuilt, in very different ways: Coventry with a modern cathedral beside the ruins of the old, Dresden brick by brick from the original plans.

Images of destruction sit alongside stories of resistance and rescue. The show features the work of the World War II Monuments Men, who saved Nazi-looted artworks, and tells the story of Khaled al-Asaad, a scholar who devoted his life to studying Syria's ancient site of Palmyra and was murdered by IS in 2015.

Some militaries have made efforts to prevent looting and destruction. The British Army recently set up a Cultural Property Protection

Unit—modern-day monuments men and women and the exhibition includes a pack of "archaeology awareness playing cards" distributed to U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Internationally backed projects to train craftspeople and archaeologists in Syria and Iraq may help those countries recreate what has been lost. And the law has made small steps toward bringing cultural vandals to justice. In 2016, Islamic extremist Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi was convicted of destroying World Heritage cultural sites in Timbuktu, Mali-the first war-crimes conviction by the International Criminal Court for cultural destruction

"It has always been part of warfare," Agar said. "All that has changed in recent years is the awareness and attempt to stop it."

The display is one of three linked exhibitions at the museum under the heading Culture Under Attack. The second looks at how British museums evacuated their treasures from London to keep them safe during World War II—and what they left behind.

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Life & Style

Halle Bailey tapped to play Ariel in 'The Little Mermaid'

NEW YORK (AP)—Halle Bailey, half of the sister duo Chloe x Halle, will next be going under the sea, starring as Ariel in the upcoming adaptation of "The Little Mermaid."

The live-action version will include original songs from the 1989 animated hit as well as new tunes from original composer Alan Menken and "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda. Some of the tunes include "Under the Sea," "Part of Your World" and "Kiss the Girl."

Bailey will join Jacob Tremblay and Awkwafina in the film, which will be directed by Rob Marshall, who helmed "Mary Poppins Returns."

Marshall says that Bailey "possesses that rare combination of spirit, heart, youth, innocence, and substance—plus a glorious singing voice—all intrinsic qualities necessary to play this iconic role."



This Nov. 13, 2017 file photo shows singer-actress Halle Bailey at the 2017 Glamour Women of the Year Awards in New York. Bailey, half of the sister duo Chloe x Halle, will next be going under the sea, starring as Ariel in the upcoming adaptation of "The Little Mermaid."

Mayim Bialik: Don't forget the vegans this July 4th

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Fourth of July often means hot dogs and hamburgers sizzling on an open fire, but Mayim Bialik is pleading with all those grill masters out there to not ignore their vegan guests.

"A lot of people want more plant-based food," the actress said recently. "It doesn't have to be just the food for people who eat weird."

The "Big Bang Theory" actress, who wrapped her last season as neuroscientist Amy Farrah Fowler earlier this year, said people who avoid animal products like her and her kids get excited when chefs include food they can eat.

"There are more of us out

there and we do like to go to barbecues, too," she said. "There are so many more vegan options than when I became vegan."

The former star of "Blossom," a spokeswoman for Sabra Bialik hummus, pointed to a

range of favorites, from Asian dishes to fruit and, of course, hummus, as simple go-tos for the summer party season. Rather than struggling to find good substitutes for animal products, all it takes is thinking of some dishes that already avoid animal products and that everyone will enjoy.

This summer, Bialik has a

bit more free time on her hands and is spending it with her family.

"There is a sweetness to being home," she said. "My kids are confused and excited I am home more."

She's gone from filming in front of a live studio audience to giving neuroscience lectures to small groups in her kids' homeschool community (she has a Ph.D. in neuroscience).

Saying goodbye to the TV show that she starred on for nine seasons is bittersweet. "For those who were watching it, we hope it was satisfying," she said.

Former Spelling mansion sells for nearly \$120 million

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A gigantic Los Angeles mansion built in 1991 for the late producer Aaron Spelling and his widow has been sold for \$119.75 million.

The Los Angeles Times says the sale that closed Tuesday is the highest home price ever in Los Angeles County.

Set on 4.7 acres (1.9 hect-

ares) in Holmby Hills, the 56,600-square-foot (5,258square-meter) chateau is the largest home in Los Angeles.

The unidentified buyer was represented by a Beverly Hills real estate firm.

Spelling produced such TV series as "Charlie's Angels," "Dynasty," "Beverly Hills 90210" and "Melrose Place."

After his death in 2006, his widow Candy sold the mansion for \$85 million to Petra Ecclestone, daughter of Formula One billionaire Bernie Ecclestone.

She made modifications and the home now has 123 rooms, including 14 bedrooms and 27 bathrooms.

R. Kelly wants ex-wife to stop talking about him publicly

CHICAGO (AP)—Lawyers for R&B singer R. Kelly are asking a judge in Chicago to fine and jail his ex-wife for breaking a confidentiality clause in their divorce agreement.

The Chicago Sun-Times reports that Kelly's attorney Steve Greenberg said in a Tuesday filing that Andrea

Kelly appeared "on countless media outlets disparaging Robert Kelly and making accusations and charges." The singer faces more than 20 sexrelated counts in Cook County criminal courts alleging he abused and assaulted women. He denies all wrongdoing.

Andrea Kelly's lawyer says the case is July 10.

the singer has broken the confidentiality agreement himself many times.

The couple's divorce has garnered attention since the singer was jailed for three days in March for failing to pay about \$160,000 in child support. The next hearing in

Hotdog champ Joey Chestnut: I'll 'do what it takes' to win

NEW YORK (AP)—Eleventime champion Joey Chestnut says he expects this year's Nathan's Hotdog Eating Contest to be "a battle."

But the 35-year-old Chestnut said Wednesday that he'll "find a rhythm and do what it takes" to win the Fourth of July eat-off in Brooklyn's beachside Coney Island neighborhood.

Chestnut joined other competitors at the Empire State Building for the weigh-in for Thursday's contest.

Chestnut weighed in at 216.5 pounds (98 kilograms), while defending women's champion Miki Sudo weighed 114 pounds (52 kilograms).

Chestnut ate 74 wieners and buns to claim the 2018 title.



Eleven-time and defending men's champion Joey Chestnut participates in Nathan's Famous international Fourth of July hot dog eating contest weigh-in at the Empire State Building on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, in New York.

Sudo ate 37 to triumph on the women's side.

Thursday's top five win-

ners of each gender will split \$40,000. The two first-place winners will each earn \$10,000.

Matriarch uses inheritance to keep her family in line

EAR ABBY: For the last 12 years, we have been traveling 7 1/2 hours to see my husband's grandparents. This happens several times a year. Each time I pray it will be the last visit.

Invariably, when we return home, I am sick for about a week, and it's getting worse. At 96, Grandma isn't cleaning the house (Grandpa died four years ago). She lives on her own in the country. Grandma has fallen, can't cook for herself and still drives. The closest family member lives seven hours away.

Grandma has always been a manipulator, and I'm tired of how she treats her family. She uses the "financial inheritance" for leverage. My family has things planned out in advance about what to do when someone has reached a certain age.

I'm tired of subjecting myself to this, let alone facing Grandma's wrath. The rest of the family accepts it for what it is. They don't want to upset her, so they give in and accommodate. Do I have the right to back out?

WANTS TO RUN AWAY

DEAR WANTS: Before backing out, may I recommend that you and your husband discuss this with all of the relatives involved? It seems to me that a group intervention for Granny may be in order.

If she has enough money that she's successfully holding

it over everyone's heads, she has enough to hire someone to clean her house for her on a weekly or monthly basis. Rather than pray for her demise, ask yourself, "If she's not cleaning and cooking, how IS she taking care of herself?"

Contact the senior center nearest to where this poor woman lives, or the closest Area Agency on Aging and ask what can be done to help her. If not you, then your husband's parents, aunts and uncles should do this. Ignoring her condition could be considered elder abuse.

DEAR ABBY: I have never seen this issue discussed anywhere but cannot believe I'm the only person who is dismayed by the tradition of bringing casseroles to the homes of the be-

When my father died, my mother and I hosted a post-memorial get-together at her home. Each of my parents' many friends and acquaintances brought a casserole. Mom's refrigerator was always full, so there was no room after the seventh casserole. My mother told me to take the rest to the basement and say it was put in the freezer. My parents never owned a freezer, so after everyone left, we put 17 casseroles down the garbage disposal.

Please make your readers aware that post-funeral food is often inconvenient even if the thought is appreciated. A restaurant gift card accomplishes the same thing and assures the family

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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will end up with something they actually like.

ENOUGH IS TOO MUCH

DEAR ENOUGH: That the love, effort and expense your parents' friends went to ended up down the drain is a shame. I am printing your letter because your suggestion makes sense and readers may appreciate it. If this happens to other readers, it would not be ungracious to be honest. Explain there is no more room in the fridge or freezer and suggest the food be taken with the mourners when they leave.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Sign up for something educational, motivational or physically challenging. Being active and spending time with people who make you think and encourage you to do your best will lead to positive personal changes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do what needs to be done, and say as little as possible. If you start complaining about someone, you are likely to end up being criticized for being insensitive. Make your actions count, and your

generosity and kindheartedness will prevail. 👀 GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put some muscle behind your ideas, and bring about a change that will be impressive. Collaborating with someone who challenges and inspires you will bring good results. Home improvements will prompt you to entertain your friends and family. OOOO

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Use your charm to get your way. You don't have to make promises, but using compliments will get others to pitch in and help. Save your energy for personal purposes, like fitness and self-improvement. End your day with romance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let generosity be your downfall. Set an entertainment budget, and take only that much cash with you when you go out. Leave your credit and debit cards at home to ensure you stick to the savings plan you set. •••

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Before you agree to get involved in a joint venture. look at the logistics behind the proposal being offered. Make some adjustments before moving forward. An opportunity is only useful if you get something in return.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Listen before you respond. Consider how others treat you before you offer too much of your time, talent or services. Make a change or a move because you want to, not because someone is

strong-arming you. 🛇 🗪 🗘 SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Stick to what you want, and you won't end up annoved that you let someone take advantage of you. Don't feel obligated to do something iust because someone else does. Trust in vour judgment, and follow your heart. Romance is

highlighted. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can talk your way in or out of anything, but before you decide to offer information

that may be exaggerated or based on speculation, you should consider the consequences. Stick to the truth, and avoid a misunderstanding.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take time to put personal changes into place. Better diet and exercise will lead to improved health and greater vitality. Make the most of your day by spending time with the people you love. Romance is in the stars. 🛇 🛇

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider what's best for you, and carry on. Don't let others cost you. Draw a line when it comes to people who drag you down. Unequal relationships will lead to resentment. Make what you want and what you'll do clear. •••

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make plans with someone you love. Working as a team player will have a favorable influence on you. A physical change will take place if you strive to live a healthier lifestyle. Romance will improve your attitude and your day. OOO

Birthday Baby: You are thoughtful and resourceful. You are humorous and captivating.

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Strasburg immaculate as surging Nats beat Marlins



WASHING-TON (AP)— Stephen Stras-

burg struck out 14 in 7 1/3 shutout innings, Brian Dozier and Matt Adams homered, and the Washington Nationals continued their midseason surge with a 3-1 win over the Miami Marlins on Wednesday night.

Washington has won seven of its last eight and is 25-10 since May 24. The Nationals improved to 44-41, the first time they've been three games over .500 this season.

Strasburg (10-4) was, as usual, brilliant against the Marlins. He allowed two hits and two walks while extending his personal winning streak against Miami to 11. The right-hander is 20-7 with a 2.86 ERA in 34 career starts against the Marlins, who didn't get a man past first until the eighth.

Strasburg's gem included the first immaculate inning of his career. Strasburg needed just nine pitches to strike out Garrett Cooper, Neil Walker and Starlin Castro in the fourth.

Miami's Sandy Alcantara (4-8), making his first start since earning an All-Star nod Sunday, allowed two runs in 5 2/3 innings.

Astros 4, Rockies 2

In Denver, Wade Miley tossed six strong innings and Yuli Gurriel and Alex Bregman homered to lead the Astros to a victory over the Colorado Rockies.

Miley (7-4) struck out six and retired 11 of the last 12 batters he faced. He walked the first two Rockies he faced but settled down to get out of the inning after Ian Desmond's RBI single.

Roberto Osuna pitched the ninth for his 19th save.

Bregman hit his team-leading 23rd homer, a solo shot in the first. Gurriel led off the second with his 11th of the season and third of the series.

White Sox 7, Tigers 5

In Chicago, Dylan Cease threw five innings in a winning major league debut, and the White Sox beat the struggling Detroit Tigers in the first game of a day-night doubleheader.

Cease showed why the White Sox have been anticipating big things since they acquired him along with outfielder Eloy Jiménez as part of the trade in July 2017 that sent pitcher José Quintana to the crosstown Cubs.

The 23-year-old right-hander gave up three runs and four hits, struck out six and walked four. Three of those walks came during a two-run first in which he hit a batter. But he also mixed a sharp curve with a mid-90s fastball to keep the Tigers off balance.



AP

Washington Nationals starting pitcher Stephen Strasburg follows through on a pitch to the Miami Marlins in the second inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, July 3, 2019, in Washington.

Pirates 6, Cubs 5

In Pittsburgh, Jung Ho Kang scored on Corey Dickerson's sacrifice fly in the ninth inning to cap a frantic rally and lift the Pirates to a victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Josh Bell hit his 26th home of the season and fourth of the series and added a double to give him 59 extra-base hits, the most ever by a National League player before the All-Star break.

The Cubs turned to recently signed closer Craig Kimbrel (0-1) to protect a one-run lead in the ninth and the Pirates pounced.

The Pirates have won three straight and 12 of 17 to pull within one game of .500 (42-43). Richard Rodriguez (3-3) earned the win after pitching a scoreless ninth.

Orioles 9, Rays 6

In St. Petersburg, Renato Nunez hit a three-run homer to complete a six-run ninth inning, and the Baltimore Orioles held on for a victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

Nunez's 19th home run came off Jose Alvarado (0-5) after an RBI triple by Jonathan Villar. The blast put the Orioles up 9-3 before Tampa Bay tried to rally in the bottom of the ninth. Shawn Armstrong came in to get the final out with two runners on base and earn his second save.

The Rays had their fourgame winning streak snapped. They entered the day 5 1/2 games behind the AL Eastleading New York Yankees.

Blue Jays 6, Red Sox 3

In Toronto, Danny Jansen and Brandon Drury each hit tworun homers, Lourdes Gurriel Jr. added a solo shot and the Blue Jays beat the Boston Red Sox.

All three homers came off Red Sox left-hander Chris Sale (3-8), who lost for the first time in six starts. It's the second time this season Sale has allowed three homers — he also did it in his opening day outing against Seattle on March 28.

Sale gave up five runs and a season-high nine hits in 5 2/3 innings. He also allowed five runs in his previous start, June 26 against the White Sox.

Sale came in 5-1 with a 1.60 ERA in nine career games in Toronto, but couldn't extend that streak of dominance. Instead, he allowed at least four earned runs for the third time in three meetings with the Blue Jays.

Yankees 5, Mets 1

In New York, Domingo Germán pitched six sharp innings in his return from injury, Didi Gregorius and Gio Urshela hit consecutive homers, and the Yankees beat the Mets.

Germán (10-2) allowed a run over six innings, giving up five hits and no walks. The 26-year-old right-hander struck out six and threw 80 pitches in a tidy return from a strained left hip flexor, which had sidelined him since June 8.

The AL East-leading Yankees have won 14 of 16 overall and forced a four-game split in this year's Subway Series. The Mets haven't won the season series since 2013.

Urshela also made three stellar defensive plays at third base, and Gregorius had two hits for his career-best sixth straight multihit game. Gleyber Torres added two hits and two RBIs.

Reds 3, Brewers 0

In Cincinnati, Yasiel Puig homered for the second consecutive game and the Reds overcame the loss of second baseman Scooter Gennett to a groin injury, holding on for a victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Gennett left after two atbats because of tightness in the left side of his groin. Gennett was an All-Star last year and the Reds' most productive hitter over the last two seasons, but he suffered a severe injury to the other side of his groin during spring training and had been sidelined until last week. He has two singles in 19 at-bats over five games.

Sonny Gray (5-5) beat the Brewers for the second time in three starts this season, matching his career high with 12 strikeouts in eight innings. He allowed four hits to a starting lineup missing All-Stars Christian Yelich and Yasmani Grandal, who were getting rest.

Braves 9, Phillies 2

In Atlanta, Josh Donaldson and Austin Riley hit three-run homers off Nick Pivetta and the Braves solidified their NL East lead by beating the Philadelphia Phillies.

Donaldson's homer gave

Atlanta a 3-0 lead in the fourth. Following Riley's blast, Matt Joyce added a pinch-hit, two-run homer off Juan Nicasio in Atlanta's six-run sixth.

Atlanta leads second-place Philadelphia by 5 1/2 games after splitting the first two games of the series.

Bryce Harper hit a linedrive homer to left field in the sixth. It was his 200th career homer and 1,000th career hit. According to the Phillies, it marked the first time in major league history a player reached milestones in hits and homers on the same swing.

Indians 4, Royals 0

In Kansas City, Mike Clevinger pitched six innings of four-hit ball, Carlos Santana and Roberto Perez went deep, and the Cleveland Indians rolled to a victory over the Royals.

Clevinger (2-2) struck out nine without a walk in his second start since a balky back forced him into a lengthy stay on the injured list. He struggled in his first game back but dominated the Royals on a picture-perfect night, improving to 7-0 with a 2.03 ERA in his career against them.

Danny Duffy (3-5) kept his command issues at bay long enough to last 6 2-3 innings for Kansas City. The left-hander allowed two runs on five hits, five walks and a hit batter.

Twins 4, Athletics 3

In Oakland, Matt Chapman knows how close he came to scoring the winning run in the

10th inning.

Instead, the Minnesota Twins triumphed in the 12th when Mitch Garver hit a goahead single with one out to send his team past the Oakland Athletics.

In the 10th, the A's challenged whether catcher Garver tagged Chapman at home trying for the would-be winning run on Mark Canha's slow chopper that third baseman Miguel Sano charged and fired home. The out call was upheld, though manager Bob Melvin said after the game, "he looked safe to me."

Dodgers 5, Diamondbacks 4

In Los Angeles, the Dodgers never wonder if they can pull out a victory late in a game. Their only suspense is which player will be the next hero.

It was All-Star Cody Bellinger's turn for the second straight game.

He hit a tiebreaking homer in the 10th inning, giving the Dodgers a franchise-record fifth consecutive walk-off victory at home.

"He's a one-man wrecking crew right now," D-backs manager Torey Lovullo said.

The Dodgers tied the 2004 Oakland Athletics with five straight walk-off victories.

Bellinger drew a basesloaded walk with two outs in the ninth to force in the winning run in a 5-4 victory Tuesday.

"It's pretty crazy what we're doing," he said. "There's not many words to describe it. It's pretty special."

Waiting game: Kawhi decision may take a few days



T O R O N T O — Kawhi Leonard has always come across as a methodical man, and his free agency process seems to be reflecting that.

Leonard has reportedly met with the three teams he is considering joining: the Los Angeles Lakers, LA Clippers and Toronto Raptors. His final meeting is believed to have taken place with the Raptors on Wednesday.

A private plane owned by the group that operates the Toronto Raptors landed Wednesday afternoon at Pearson International Airport in Toronto—and video footage suggests that Kawhi Leonard was one of the passengers on that plane.

The plane's occupants boarded SUVs on the tarmac and were driven toward downtown Toronto, with at least one news helicopter airing their trip live even though it was not confirmed that Leonard was indeed in one of those vehicles.

Meanwhile, a large crowd was forming outside a posh downtown hotel where Raptors President Masai Ujiri had been spotted earlier in the day, with the assumption being that the hotel is where the meeting



between Leonard and the team may be taking place.

The Athletic's Jabari Young, a Spurs reporter, said on Twitter Wednesday that a decision from Leonard was not coming that night and it might not come for a few days. Young also said no two-year deals are being discussed.

The two-year deal item came up because ESPN's Jalen Rose said he was hearing 99 percent that Kawhi would return to Toronto and that it would be on a two-year deal. That rumor may be chatter coming from around the league with other players whose free agency is tied to Leonard (teams with salary cap space are waiting to hear from Leonard before signing other players).

Cris Carter, who is believed to have ties to Leonard's camp, and Young, have both said that it may take some time before a decision is made and announced.

Knicks, Kawhi meeting canceled

The New York Knicks may have out on other free agents.

The canceled meeting had nothing to do with the team's interest in Leonard, however. It had everything to do with

Leonard agreed to meet with the Knicks, but not until Wednesday after finishing

That plan was scratched by

The Knicks realized waiting that long would have prevented them from making other moves. They also figured if they missed out on Kevin Durant, it was going to be tough to sell Leonard on the Knicks anyway.

While the Knicks did not land a superstar player when free agency opened, they still made additions. The team picked up Reggie Bullock, Wayne Ellington, Taj Gibson, Elfrid Payton, Bobby Portis and Julius Randle.

Some of those players may not have been available had the Knicks waited on Leonard. You could argue they should have waited anyway, but if Leonard picked another team, the Knicks' offseason would have been even more disappointing.

Leonard remains the last elite free agent still on the market. He's reportedly met with the Los Angeles Clippers, Los Angeles Lakers and Toronto Raptors thus far. It's unclear when Leonard will make his decision.

A last minute rescheduling probably wouldn't be possible. After all their signings,

Toronto Raptors forward Kawhi Leonard (2) dunks against Golden State Warriors' Jordan Bell during the first half of Game 3 of the NBA Finals, Wednesday, June 5, 2019, in Oakland, Calif.

the Knicks no longer have the cap space needed to bring in

Meanwhile, the Dallas Mavericks and Boban Marjanovic have agreed on a contract that will likely make him their backup center.

The addition of Marjanovic gives the Mavericks two 7-foot-3 European players. The Serbian joins Kristaps Porzingis, the Latvian forward who has agreed to a \$158 million, fiveyear max contract. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Wednesday because contracts can't be signed until Saturday.

Dallas will be the fifth team in five seasons for Marjanovic, who started his NBA career with the rival San Antonio Spurs in 2015-16. The 30-yearold went to the second round of the Eastern Conference playoffs with Philadelphia last season. He has career averages of 6.2 points and 3.9 rebounds.

The probable starter at center is Dwight Powell, who opted in for the final year of his contract and then agreed to a three-year extension.

The addition of Marjanovic comes after the Mavericks agreed to deals with three of their own players, two of them restricted free agents in Germany's Maxi Kleber and Dorian Finney-Smith.

Point guard J.J. Barea, the only player remaining from Dallas' 2011 championship team now that Dirk Nowitzki has retired, is returning while still recovering after tearing an Achilles tendon last season.





BLAINE, Minn. (AP)—The last gathering of the world's greatest golfers in Min-

nesota led to a truly seminal moment when the U.S. team recaptured the Ryder Cup for the first time in eight years in front of raucous galleries at Hazeltine National.

The big-hitting Brooks Koepka coolly won three of his four matches. Phil Mickelson leaped into the air after a birdie putt on the final hole of his singles match. Patrick Reed followed his clutch shots with fist pumps, arm waves and a hand cupped to his ear to cajole a home crowd hardly needing more encouragement.

"That atmosphere was so cool," Koepka said.

Three years later, the stakes won't be nearly as high, the list of stars is a little shorter and the setting at the TPC Twin Cities will be a bit more subdued. But it is still a nice moment as the inaugural 3M Open this week marks the first regular PGA Tour stop in Minnesota since 1969.

"I have just a lot of fond memories here, and it fit really well into the schedule," Mickelson said after playing in the pro-am Wednesday. "I'm looking to this tournament to get a little bit of momentum heading into the summer stretch."

One of the first prominent players to commit to the 3M Open, Mickelson recalled his first experience in Minnesota as a 20-year-old amateur at the U.S. Open at Hazeltine in 1991. That course by famed designer Robert Trent Jones on rolling farmland in Chaska, about 25 miles southwest of downtown Minneapolis, also hosted the PGA Championship in 2002 and 2009 and then the Ryder Cup in 2016. Two weekends ago, the Women's PGA Championship was held there.

missed out on Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving, but they had a shot at Kawhi Leonard. The Knicks reportedly had a meeting scheduled with Leonard, but the team backed out over fear of missing

timing, according to Berman. According to a source,

with the Clippers and Lakers.

Knicks' brass over logistics.



Saipan Chalan Kanoa 234-DIAL

15-year-old Gauff advances to third round

England (AP)—There are ways in which Coco Gauff is just like any other 15-year-old American, watching whatever videos YouTube recommends for her, from makeup tutorials to any-

thing that'll make her laugh.

And then there is what happens when Gauff has a tennis racket in her hands, making her unlike most anyone else in the world—now or ever. With big shots and a calm beyond her years, she followed up her upset of Venus Williams by moving into the third round at Wimbledon on Wednesday night via a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Magdalena Rybarikova of Slovakia under a closed roof at No. 1 Court.

"It just shows if you really work hard, you can get where you want to go," said Gauff, who received a wild- Gauff didn't face a break point card invitation for the qualifying competition, then became

the youngest player in the professional era to get through those pre-tournament rounds and reach the main draw. "Last week around this time, I didn't know I was coming

here. It just shows you have to be ready for everything." She certainly has looked

ready. Hasn't dropped a set yet. Might be time to start picking on some opponents her own age.

After eliminating 39-year-old Williams—who won four of her seven Grand Slam titles before Gauff was born—she needed less than 70 minutes to get past the 30-year-old Rybarikova.

in the second-round match, and again played cleanly, this

time with only 10 unforced errors.

The toughest part for Gauff might have been dealing with everything on the periphery that came with that win over Williams.

"I could lie and say I felt normal," said Gauff, who lives in Florida. "It was honestly so hard, just with social media and everything, trying to focus on my next match, because people are still posting about Venus."

There were direct messages via social media from "a lot of celebrities," including some TV actresses, Gauff said.

"I'm kind of star-struck," she said. "It's been hard to re-

Did not seem that way once she stepped on the court.

Next up is 28-year-old Polona Hercog of Slovenia.

What sort of advice has Gauff been getting from her parents? This is, after all, so new to her. Sure, she's been gaining attention for a few years, after reaching the U.S. Open junior final at 13 and winning the French Open junior title at 14. And she is represented by Roger Federer's management company.

"They just told me, 'You have another match. The tournament's not over. Don't focus too much on what happened.' My goal is to win it," she said. "They just told me, 'Keep yourself grounded.' I think I've always just done a good job of that.'



United States' Cori "Coco" Gauff returns to Slovakia's Magdalena Rybaikova in a women's singles match during Day 3 of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Wednesday, July

All eyes on Nadal-Kyrgios matchup Ugo Humbert.

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—All eyes will be on the marquee matchup between Rafael Nadal and Nick Kyrgios at Wimbledon.

It is a rematch from 2014, when a 19-year-old Kyrgios upset then-No. 1 Nadal at the All England Club.

In other second-round action Thursday, Roger Federer will play at the All England Club's second biggest court.

They have won a combined 15 singles titles at Wimbledon and are accustomed to playing most of their matches on Centre Court.

Federer will be up against a player who wasn't even 1 year old when the eight-time champion made his debut at Wimbledon in 1999.

The 37-year-old Federer faces Jay Clarke, a 20-yearold Briton who is playing in his first Grand Slam tournament after being given a wild-card entry. The biggest challenge for Federer may be that the second-round match will be played on No.



Spain's Rafael Nadal returns to Japan's Sugita Yuichi in a singles match during day two of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Tuesday, July 2, 2019.

1 Court, which hasn't been as friendly to him as Centre Court. Federer lost his only match on that court last year, falling in a five-setter to Kevin Anderson in the quarterfinals, and has said the windier conditions there don't suit his game. He won't be the only star attraction on No. 1 Court, though, as Serena Williams then plays Kaja

Juvan there.

Andy Murray also makes his debut at this year's tournament when he and doubles partner Pierre-Hugues Herbert take on Marius Copil and Ugo Humbert.

Andy Murray will make his debut at this year's tournament, playing men's doubles with Pierre-Hugues Herbert against Marius Copil and

Wawrinka eliminated

Reilly Opelka still is getting used to some aspects of visiting Britain.

The bed frame where he stayed during a Wimbledon tuneup tournament that wasn't quite big enough for the 6-foot-11 (2.11-meter) American, for example. The lack of air conditioning compared to back home in Florida. As for the grasscourt tennis? Opelka is increasingly comfortable with that, as demonstrated by a 7-5, 3-6, 4-6, 6-4, 8-6 second-round victory over three-time major champion Stan Wawrinka.

"Every year I come here, and, like, 'Why is there no AC?' They're, like, 'Oh, it's never hot here.' Every year, it's over 80 degrees!" Opelka said.

He is ranked 63rd and is unseeded for his main-draw debut at Wimbledon, where he won the 2015 junior title.

fielders were quick to pick up

the ball or catch flies to repeat-

Meanwhile, the two other

games in the opening week

were rescheduled due to rain.

The two other matches set last

Saturday were Team Rockies

versus the Aces and Blue Jays

edly frustrate their foes.

against the Mariners.

sions. Mayiah Duenas, Kalea

competing in the swimming

tournament, which is also a

qualifier for the 2020 Tokyo

Olympics. Forty-one events

are scheduled in the swimming

For the va'a, the CNMI

will only compete in V-1 races

for men's and women's divi-

event, including five relays.

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scoring chances and was only lit up by the goalkeeping in regulation time-particularly

A shot from Nilla Fischer was creeping into the net in the 56th minute until Netherlands goalkeeper Sari van Veenendaal tipped it onto the post.

It was the crossbar that denied the Dutch in the 64th minute when a header from Vivianne Miedema was pushed onto the frame by Lin-

"I felt like we had a golden opportunity to take this team to the final, and we didn't take it," Lindahl said. "Very disappointed."

The goalkeepers wouldn't be relied on for a penalty shootout thanks to Groenen's moment of brilliance, leaving

Goodwin will be racing in the preliminary heats for the 500m on July 9 in the waters off Mulifanua Sheraton Beach Resort.

Andrew, Jack Aahn, Steven

Duenas and Andrew will be on Heat 3 and will race against Papua New Guinea, Guam, Palau, and host Samoa. In the men's, Goodwin and Aahn are also on Heat 3 and will compete against Guam, Tokelau, and Tahiti.

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in the second half.

dahl's fingertips.

the Swedes having to settle for bronze if they can beat England on Saturday in Nice.

"It was a really tight game tonight. It was really tough," Netherlands forward Lieke Martens said. "I thought we had really good character. We really played until the last minute. We worked 200%. The effort was so big today. I'm really proud of the girls.

The priority for Martens now is recovering from an ongoing foot injury that forced her off at halftime.

"If I'm not 100% fit then I want another girl to come in and give 100%," she said. "That's the most important thing. It's easy. As a player, you always want to play the biggest game of your career and this is one of the biggest ones I hopefully am going to play. I'm going to do the recovery. I really believe in the medical staff."

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in the 2019 opener, the Bears stretched their win streak to 21. They lost the first game of the 2018 season (against the Aces/ March 9, 2018) before sweeping the last 17 games in the elimination round. The Bears

then won Games 1 and 2 of their semis series against the Aces to keep their streak before topping GSM in the finals opener.

In their early rematch against GSM, Fred Songao and A.J. Lizama scored two RBIs each with the former adding two runs off a 2-for-3 performance at bat. Lizama

chipped in one run, while Kiku Lizama made two after going 2-for-4 at the plate and recording a pair of doubles. Virgil Secharmidal and J.J. Lifoifoi delivered the two other runs for the Bears.

GSM struggled offensively in the opener, failing to make it pass second base, as the Bears'

In Samoa, both runners coach the lean CNMI Athlet-

ics Team. Ngirchongor will be competing in the 200m and 400m runs, while Rangamar will participate in the

turned to Saipan last Tuesday and will join Ngirchongor and Rangamar in the squad's last set of training sessions this weekend.

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pa, Oldie Joe Roligat, Theyvie They, and Tinian's Tyler Santos were at the Townsville Sports Reserve in Queensland, Australia last week and represented the CNMI to the 2019 Oceania Athletics Championships. Sapong competed

in the women's open 100m and 200m runs in the Land Down Under, while Quitugua raced in the same events in the U20 division.

The 20-year-old timed in at 13.31 seconds in the qualifying heat of the 100m run and 28.18 seconds in the 200m race. Ouitugua, on the other hand, clocked in at 11.58 and 24.15 seconds in the 100m and 200m runs, respectively.

are also entered in the sprint events of the athletics competition that will run from July 15 to 19. Beo Ngirchongor and Lia Rangamar will join Sapong and Quitugua in Apia, while Greg Iginoef will

javelin throw. Sapong and Quitugua re-

Netherlands reaches first Women's World Cup finals

LYON, France (AP)—When Jackie Groenen received the ball, even though she was outside the penalty area, the Dutch midfielder knew she had to seize her opening.

It was 99 minutes into a grueling Women's World Cup semifinal, and neither the Netherlands nor Sweden was finding a clear path to the goal Wednesday night.

"I saw a nice angle," Groenen said. "We've been discussing this for a couple of weeks now that I need to take shots more often. The ball just came really nicely, and I thought, 'Let's do this."

A slick passing sequence ended with Groenen driving a shot past goalkeeper Hedvig Lindahl. A first shot on target in France produced her first goal of the tournament.

"I'm not much of a scorer," she said. "But I'm very happy today I got to score."

It sent the Netherlands into its first Women's World Cup final, where the Dutch will face the United States on Sunday, back in the Stade de Lyon.

Two years after the Dutch won their first major trophy—the European Championship—Groenen is already dreaming of a first world title in only their second attempt.

"It kind of went through my mind as soon as I got off the pitch," she said. "The Americans are massive, they have massive players. They are the biggest team in the world but I can't wait to play."

Progress for the Dutch has been rapid after reaching the round of 16 during their World Cup debut four years ago.

"The potential for the Netherlands has been there for a long time," Netherlands coach



Sarina Wiegman said. "Since 2007, when the Eredivisie started and players got better facilities and could train more, the players developed so much that they improved. And then when

naments, like European Championships and World Cups, they develop even more. They made trans-

fers to big clubs in Europe."

became the first overseas signing for Manchester United after the recently formed women's team was promoted to England's Super League in May.

Before she pulls on a red jersey, Groenen you're at big tour- FRANCE 2019 could become a world champion in orange

by beating the defending cham-

"We are very down to earth but they have their own qualiNaeher emerges from Solo's shadow

LYON, France (AP)—Alyssa Naeher finally escaped Hope Solo's shadow with her smothering save of a penalty kick.

Endlessly compared to her controversial predecessor on the U.S. national team, Naeher cemented her own legacy when she preserved the United States' 2-1 semifinal win over England. It was the firstever penalty save by a U.S. goalkeeper in regulation at the Women's World Cup.

"Oh my God, Alyssa played absolutely out of her mind, but that is what she does day in and day out," defender Kelley O'Hara said. "I'm proud the world finally got to see that. She proved she's the best in the world, surely."

Naeher has been peppered with questions about Solo in the run-up to the tournament and all through the team's journey through France. She's been gracious about answering each and every time—even right after Tuesday night's match.

"I don't get wrapped up in the comparisons. I've said from the beginning that I just try to be me. My goal every day is just being a better person, better player than I was yesterday," she said. "It's not about comparisons, it's how can I help this team win now in 2019? How can I help this team win a gold medal? That's my only focus."

It's been this way since

sumptive starter following Solo's dismissal from the team.

Solo made 202 appearances with the national team with 153 wins and an international-record 102 shutouts. During the 2015 World Cup championship run, she allowed just three goals in seven games with five shutouts. She won two consecutive Golden Glove awards for best goalkeeper.

But she also created conof the 2016 Olympics.

Naeher assumed Solo's role in the ensuing years, but for relying too heavily on Solo without developing a

Naeher has shut

The finalists have something in common: female coaches. With Jill Ellis coaching the U.S. and Wiegman in charge of the Netherlands, the run of three finals featuring a

Netherlands' Vivianne Miede-

ma, right, heads the ball way

from Sweden's Linda Sem-

brant during the Women's

World Cup semifinal soccer

match at Stade de Lyon outside Lyon, France, Wednes-

day, July 3, 2019.

"It's important that women have the opportunity to develop as players, as coaches and in society," Wiegman said.

male coach comes to an end.

After a draining game in sweltering central France, the Dutch have one less day than the Americans to prepare for the title game and they will have to be more potent up front to overcome the athletic three-time champions.

The second semifinal was no match for the drama, tension and high energy of the previous night when the U.S. beat England 2-1.

The game featured few

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Players like Groenen, who ties and we have ours," she said.

US faces old foe Mexico in Gold Cup finale

NASHVILLE (AP)—Christian Pulisic scored twice in the second half, and the United States beat Jamaica 3-1 on Wednesday night for a berth against Mexico in the CON-CACAF Gold Cup final.

Weston McKennie also scored for the Americans, who face El Tri in Chicago on Sunday night in the finale of a tripleheader of finals. The U.S. women play the Netherlands in the World Cup final and Brazil faces Peru for the Copa America.

The U.S. is 6-4 in Gold Cup finals, including 1-4 against Mexico with a win in 2007 and losses in 1993, '98, '09 and '11. The Americans have won 10 straight Gold Cup matches.

McKennie scored for the second straight game, putting the U.S. ahead in the ninth minute with his third international goal. The game was halted in the 16th minute for an hour and 28 minutes because of a lightning storm.

Pulisic made it 2-0 in the 52nd minute, Shamar Nicholson cut the deficit in the 69th and Pulisic got his second goal in the 87th, giving the 20-yearold 13 goals in 30 international appearances. Nine of Pulisic's 12 international goals have

matches. The Nissan Stadium crowd of 28,473 was chanting "We want Mexico" in the game's closing minutes.

come in competitive

Nicholson's goal was the first against the U.S. in the tournament and ended a 482-minute scoreless streak by the U.S. defense. The Reggae Boyz were trying to reach their third straight Gold Cup final following loses to Mexico in the 2015 championship game and the U.S in 2017.

McKennie's goal developed from a long pass from Michael Bradley to Reggie Cannon on

the side of the penalty area. Cannon crossed and Jozy Altidore had his back to the goal as he tapped the ball to a charging McKennie. McKennie's shot from about six yards sailed over the right hand of

Cannon had earned starts along with attacker Jordan Morris and central defender Matt Miazga's as part of U.S. coach Gregg Berhalter's lineup shuffle.

goalkeeper Andre Blake.

Altidore

Pulisic's first goal came after McKennie made a long pass to Morris, who ran free on a final. Blake saved Morris' shot, but Pulisic was coming up from the left side and knocked in the rebound.

Nicholson scored on a header from Leon Bailey's cross. Blake made a diving save of Arriola's shot from the left side, but Pulisic was again ready for the rebound and sent a shot into the left side of the goal.

Naeher emerged as the pre-

troversy and her contract with the team was ultimately terminated after she infamously called Sweden "cowards" for bunkering on defense in the quarterfinals

some criticized U.S. Soccer strong successor.

naysayers by humbly doing her job. Known for being softspoken and unshakeable, she does crosswords on game days to relax. She made her debut with the senior national team in 2014 and now has 52 international caps with 28 shutouts.

She was solid from the start in France. The United States did not concede a goal in the group stage for the first time at a World Cup. Indeed, until Spain's Jennifer Hermoso scored on the United States

to open the knockout round, the United States had not allowed a goal since an April friendly against Australia.

But her defining moment came in the 84th minute against England on Tuesday night.

With the United States clinging to its 2-1 lead late in the game, a video review determined Becky Sauerbrunn had fouled England's Ellen White in the penalty area. Naeher was there to envelope England captain Steph Houghton's shot, helping ensure the U.S. would move on to Sunday's championship game.

"I don't really remember, to be honest," she said about the save. "You just try to stay focused. Take a few deep breaths, focus in. I just tried to let instincts take over at that point. Tried to get a jump on it, tried to make a good read, hoped to make a save. And I did it."

Naeher's twin sister Aman da and parents celebrated wildly in the seats at the Stade de Lyon, while on the field Naeher urged her teammates to focus for the final minutes.

Calm and steady even on her biggest night, on the sport's biggest stage.

"To come up big in that moment, for her personally, but also for the team, it's massive," midfielder Megan Rapinoe said. "It can't be overstated."



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Sapong, Quitugua to return to track

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By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Sprinters Zarinae Sapong and Traven Quitugua are back on island, but they won't be here for long, as they head to Samoa on Monday for the XVI Pacific Games.

Sapong and Quitugua along with Leani Acosta, Jamie Pangelinan, Gabriel Sap-

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The CNMI's Traven Quitugua, fourth left, races in the 100m qualifying run during last week's 2019 Oceania Athletics Championships at the Townsville Sports Reserve in Queensland, Australia. He will represent the Commonwealth anew when he competes in the XVI Pacific Games in Samoa.

Team CNMI leaves for Pacific Games



The CNMI National Swim Team members and officials pose for a photo at the departure area of the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport yesterday before they head to Samoa.

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Tajority of the members of Team CNMI left Saipan yesterday for the XVI Pacific Games that will kick off in Apia, Samoa this Sunday.

Athletes and officials of tennis, va'a, swimming, golf, and beach volleyball boarded their respective long flights to Samoa where they will be met by chef de mission Paul Plunkett and Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael White.

The tennis team had head coach Jeff Race, assistant coach Lydia Tan, and players Ken Song, Malika Miyawaki, Isabel Heras, and Tania Tan leaving Saipan for Incheon yesterday morning. From the South Korean city, the group will head to Hong Kong and



Coaches Jeff Race, second right, and Lydia Tan, right, join players Ken Song, Isabel Heras, Malika Miyawaki, and Tania Tan for a group photo before they leave Saipan for Samoa to compete in the XVI

then have a stop to Fiji to meet the two other members of the team, Carol Lee and Robbie Schorr, who are in Lautoka attending the International Tennis Federation Training Center. From Fiji, the tennis delegates are expected to reach Samoa Sunday morning and join Colin Sinclair, who is coming to Apia all the way from the Netherlands.

The tennis tournament will be played starting July 8 until July 19 at the Apia Park Tennis Courts with 17 countries competing in the men's and women's singles, doubles, and mixed doubles, and team

Beside tennis, Tania Tan

will also join the medal-rich athletics competition, which will be held in the second week of the Pacific Games or from July 15 to 20.

been chosen to compete XVIPACIFICGAMES For the pool events, in both athletics and tennis. I know it's going to be tough but I've been training so I have confidence that I'll be fine, managing two sports," said Tan.

The reigning NMSA/Tan Siu Lin Foundation Female Student Athlete of the Year will race in the 5,000m run and half marathon for Team CNMI.

Meanwhile, another event that has a lot of medals at stake, swimming, will also

kick off this Monday with the Commonwealth's six swimmers expected to join the 5-kilometer ocean swim at the Mulifanua Sheraton "I feel honored to have "TIP" Beach Resort.

Aika Watanabe, Juhn Tenorio, David Boyer, Lennosuke Suzuki, Sophia Gauran, and Jinju Thompson will be racing in the newly renovated Samoa Aquatic Centre, beginning on July 9. Preliminary/ qualifying heats will take place in the morning, while the medal races will be held in the evening.

Fifteen countries will be

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Bears win early rematch with GSM

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Chalan Kanoa Bears dominated Go See Mark, 7-0,

as last season's finalists had an early faceoff after colliding in the opening game in the 2019 Saipan Baseball League last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfied.

Joe Lizama threw a onehitter and his teammates also held their own on defense to shut down GSM and start the Bears' title defense bid on a high note.

The Bears clinched last year's crown after ruling the shortened title series. The defending champions won Game 1 of their best-of-five title series against GSM, 8-5, last Oct. 22 or a few days before Super Typhoon Yutu slammed Saipan and Tinian. The Category 5 typhoon left the "Tan Ko" unplayable and with the massive damaged it sustained, SBL officials, in consultation with the two teams' representatives, decided to call off the remaining games in the series and declared the Bears the winner of the 2018 season.

Counting their victory See BEARS on Page 34